

Missouri News

Man charged in child's death

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — A Missouri truck driver was charged with the murder of his fiancee's 4-year-old son, whose body was found the man's semitrailer.

Levi Duke McElroy, 24, of Springfield, Mo., was charged Sunday with the murder and aggravated child abuse of Andrew Lackey, said St. Johns County Sheriff's Sgt. Chuck Mulligan.

The child's mother also lives in Missouri, but officials were unsure of her hometown.

"There were enough physical injuries for us to determine that it was, in

fact, child abuse," Mulligan said. Mother was

He would not release more details about the injuries, but said an autopsy would be performed.

Deputies responded to a call of an unresponsive child at a hunting campground in St. Johns County early Sunday and found Andrew's body, Mulligan said. McElroy was with the child when deputies arrived, but it wasn't clear who made the call.

McElroy was booked at St. Johns County jail and appeared in court Monday, where he was denied bail.

Online advertisement scams hunters

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hunters responding to an online advertisement promising prime deer hunting on private land in Clinton County received a surprise when they arrived, authorities say.

The 18,000 to 20,000 wildlife refuge turned out to be only a few thousand acres of less than prime hunting land, and the hunting lodge they had been promised was a modest house that couldn't hold all the hunters, according to the Missouri Attorney General's office. Several of the hunters paid to stay in motels, said Beth Hammock, a spokesman for office.

"They thought they were getting

an African safari when really they were getting scammed," Hammock said.

The office announced Wednesday that Mark A. Henry had been ordered to repay the hunters about \$15,000 and never again advertise or sell goods over the Internet.

About a dozen people had paid the Olathe, Kan., man to book hunts, including some Texans who paid Henry \$2,500 each. The scam occurred in 2000, and Attorney General Jay Nixon, whose office handles cases involving unfair merchandising practices, sued Henry in December 2003 for violating Missouri's consumer protection laws.



Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader is interviewed in Madison Square Garden before the second day of the Republican National Convention Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, in New York. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Missouri denies presidential hopeful

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Ralph Nader won't be on Missouri's ballot in November, after failing to appeal a ruling by the secretary of state.

Missouri Secretary of State Matt Blunt had said Aug. 18 that supporters of the independent presidential candidate failed to submit enough valid signatures to qualify for the ballot.

Nader's supporters submitted 12,893 signatures by the July deadline, but Blunt said local election officials verified only 9,006 — 994 short of the number required.

The Nader campaign had said it was considering whether to fight the mat-

ter in court. Friday was the deadline to appeal, and court officials said Monday that Nader filed nothing in Cole County Circuit Court, the seat of state government.

A Nader spokesman did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Nader still could submit paperwork to qualify as a valid write-in candidate. The deadline for that is Oct. 22, but even then, people would have to add him to their ballots to vote for him.

Nader already has met requirements to appear on ballots in 11 states and has filed petitions to appear on about 20 more.

National/International News

Hurricane hits the coastal line again

MIAMI (AP) — Nearly a half-million people were ordered to evacuate as Hurricane Frances swirled toward Florida on Wednesday just weeks after Charley's devastating visit, threatening to deliver the most powerful one-two punch to hit a state in at least a century.

Those planning to ride out the storm snapped up canned food, water and generators, while military helicopters and planes were flown out of the area and Cape Canaveral's Kennedy Space Center said it would close on Thursday.

Forecasters said the still-strengthening Category 4 storm could hit on Labor Day weekend as early as Friday night, less than three weeks after Charley raked Florida's western coast with 145 mph wind, causing billions of dollars in damage and killing 27 people.

"I can't emphasize enough how powerful this is. If there's something

out there that's going to weaken it, we haven't seen it," National Hurricane Center director Max Mayfield said.

Gov. Jeb Bush and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue declared states of emergency, activating the National Guard. Bush also warned more evacuations may be ordered.

Many homes in southwest Florida still have blue tarps patching holes in their roofs after Charley, and some streets remain full of storm debris that could become wind-blown projectiles.

"We've just gone through 2 1/2 weeks of torture trying to get our lives back to some sense of order," said Punta Gorda retiree Tom Hamilton.

Evacuation orders were posted for 300,000 residents in coastal areas of Palm Beach County, and nearly 200,000 were told to leave mobile homes and low-lying areas



National Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield draws circles, Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2004, around satellite images of Hurricane Charley, left, and Hurricane Frances, right, to demonstrate the size difference of the two storms at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. (AP Photo/Andy Newman)

of Brevard, Martin and Indian River counties, which could be hit by tremendous ocean waves. The evacuation orders were set to take effect Thursday afternoon.

Frances was about 650 miles southeast of Florida Wednesday evening, heading northwest on a course that would take it to the central portion of Florida's eastern coast.

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People in the news

Hilton heiress creates jewelry line

NEW YORK (AP) — Paris Hilton, the hotel heiress famous for being famous, has created a jewelry line of pink sparkles, stars and hearts.

The Paris Hilton collection, which ranges in price from \$15 to \$95, is available exclusively at Amazon.com. It includes necklaces, earrings, a charm bracelet, a belly chain and a belly bar, all in sterling silver and pink crystal.

"I just looked into my style and looked through my jewelry and things I liked and used that when I was designing and sketching," Hilton told The Associated Press Wednesday.

Hilton, 23, worked with a designer and modeled the jewelry shown on the Web site.

"I thought my fans would want to have part of me, something I designed," she told the AP. "A young girl is able to afford it; it looks expensive but it's not."

Eager fans can also buy a copy of her memoir, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the



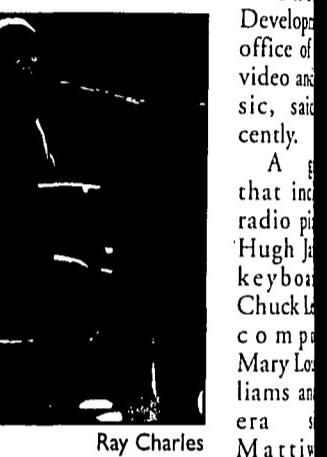
Pose," to be published Tuesdays, Fireside, and the DVD of the first season of her reality TV show, "Simple Life," with her friend Richie.

Music legend to be inducted in Hall of Fame

ATLANTA (AP) — Singer Ray Charles and music publisher-entrepreneur Bill Lowery will be honored Sept. 18 during a ceremony when the Georgia Music Hall of Fame inducts four new members.

The hall of fame honors musicians and music industry professionals who are Georgia natives or live in the state. Both Charles and Lowery were among the first group to be inducted into the hall of fame in 1979.

"Georgia has a rich music heritage and an event like this brings that history and our great talent into



Dobbs will receive the GEORGE Award this year for their contributions to the state's music heritage.

Chinese action hero statue to be installed

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In Bosnia, where one man's hero is often another man's villain, some citizens have decided to honor a man that Serbs, Croats and Muslims can all look up to kung fu great Bruce Lee.

Lee is best remembered for taking on dozens of bad guys in a series of kung fu films, including 1973's "Enter the Dragon."

The statue of the Chinese action hero in the ethnically divided city of Mostar is intended to remind people of Lee's lesser known values "loyalty,

friendship, skill and justice."

Veselin Gatalo, a writer who came up with the idea.

"Lee is a true international

and is a hero to all ethnicities in Bosnia and that's why we put him," Gatalo said.

Gatalo and a friend, Raspudic, grew up on Bruce Lee movies. They persuaded Boris Jovanovic, a sculptor from Mostar, to create a statue of Lee "as if he was alive."

They hope to install the statue in November.

Our View

Speak out

every vote remains vital in the 2004 presidential elections, campus political organizations must do their part to get students involved.

Whether protesters, all star politicians, or the B-list celebrity lovefest "R: The Party," this week's Republican National Convention in New York City has dominated air and front pages throughout the nation, along with the enthusiasm it has instilled in the GOP at home as well as Madison Square Garden, with it has come a volatility unprecedented in recent history at political conventions regardless of affiliation. Outside the Garden, hundreds of thousands of anti-war—or anti-Bush—protesters, continue to flood the streets, as Republicans return the barbs sent by Kerry's clan at last month's Democratic National Convention in Boston.

While the week reflects the polarization of our country at its strongest—a time when rage is more likely to result from a political bumper sticker than being cut off in the hallway—those in the middle continue to realize the complete lack of any semblance of unity between the so-called left and right.

At Northwest, we want it. We need

it's why we call upon our campus political organizations to create that awareness, that realization, that volatility that we so desperately need only months before the election. Although obviously full of its own drawbacks, it's more engaging than the apathy that currently exists on our campus—that is, if anyone has cared since.

Students, we have seen very little action from Young Democrats or College Republicans, point that few know that these organizations even exist. Students need those rallies; that rally, to become interested and involved in the civic process. And they have yet to see it passion of their peers.

The current organization that makes the noise on campus is Amnesty International, a group that rarely chooses to focus on civic affairs. We need the energy of Amnesty combined with the actual relevance of Young Democrats and College Republicans present. And we need it soon. Although our endeavor to land a polling place on Northwest campus is admirable, urge students to register to vote simply doesn't start fresh and start angry. No question, it will be one of the closest elections in his-

ssouri promises to be a major battlefield state and the students on this campus one could go a long way in determining the next leader of our country. It's clear more action is needed. In 2000, George W. Bush took Missouri by just over 78,000. In Nodaway county, 734 ballots were cast for Bush and 354 for Al Gore. Even if a majority of the students on this campus live in their hometowns (which is hard to believe), these numbers are atrocious.

As cliché as it may sound, every student can make a difference. Make them want to make a difference. It's your responsibility. Want to be inspired. This campus needs inspiration. So we call out to you Young Democrats and College Republicans to rally students—regardless of party affiliation. If you're not a member of these groups, help make a difference. The future is in our hands. It's just that the majority of the student body, need a little help, motivation and inspiration to realize it.

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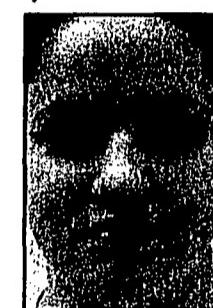
YOUR VIEW

Did the Olympics help or hinder America's image?



"It could be bad with the gymnast from Wisconsin, it could contribute to bad thoughts."

Jennifer Jarman-Sandau
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"I don't think we left a bad impression I think they were being conscious about not being too celebratory."

Kit Dowman
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"I don't think it had an affect on our image, I just think our dominance gave countries more reason not to like us."

Aaron Bailey
Political Science/
English



"We did well and showed our supremacy, but I think it did make people a little more jealous of us."

Robert Crowe
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"It might have showed we have dedication for what we do especially when we put our mind to it, but I don't think it left a bad impression."

Mark Holthaus
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Designer babies open new ethical debate

A couple of weeks ago, a report aired on CNN that for the first time made me question a belief that I hold very strongly—a woman's right to choose.

The report detailed the advances in technology that make it possible to pick the gender of an unborn child and its gaining popularity. I sat in total shock, thinking to myself what could be next. Choosing hair and eye color? Maybe engineering an entire generation of Paris Hiltons and Colin Farrelts is next. (Assuming they'll hopefully find a way to boost the old intelligence and class genes).

We have no right to play God and tinker with an unborn baby's right to be who they were meant to be.

Then the hypocrisy hit me like a ton of proverbial bricks—what right do we have to deny an unborn baby's right to live?

Needless to say, I was facing a major moral dilemma.

The procedure, which has already been outlawed in Great Britain, is actually quite simple. It involves separating semen carrying the Y or X chromosome and then using the sperm carrying the desired gender chromosome to fertilize a woman's egg.

Aaron Bailey

I found one Virginia-based company on the Internet called MicroSort that can do all of this for around \$3,000. The company's Web site boasts a 91 percent success rate to conceive a girl and a 76 percent probability rate to have a boy.

After mulling this over for a couple of weeks and researching the technology behind it, I became increasingly opposed to the idea. But not without seeing some of its merits.

Societies around the world are notorious for placing a higher value on a male child. To this day, in countries such as China and India, female babies are reportedly killed after birth simply for being the wrong sex. According to a recent report by the United Nations Children's Fund, up to 50 million females are missing

from India's population—a significant portion of this number attributed to female infanticide. The procedure can also help a family that has a history of gender-based genetic disorders to have a healthy baby.

But this is America, where there is no societal pressure to have a baby that's one sex or the other. The only purpose these designer babies serve (save avoiding the aforementioned genetic disorders) is the wants of their selfish parents.

But back to my own dilemma. Isn't abortion in some cases selfish? Isn't trying to erase a mistake made, for example, by a couple of kids who barely knew each other and didn't use protection selfish? I don't know, but then again I've never been in that situation (knock on wood).

While no one should be able to tell a woman what to do with her body, manipulating the traits of your offspring for no other reason than "I just really want a baby boy (or girl)" is ridiculous.

Genetically altering unborn children is an extremely dangerous path to head down. But I do still believe in a woman's right to her own body—and if that makes me a hypocrite, so be it.

Olympic games, politics are one and the same

In a year when a heated presidential election ensues and the 28th Olympic Games goes in the books, it's amazing how much sports and politics have in common.

The polarization between Democrats and Republicans correlates so closely to the attitudes of certain U.S. "Olympians," it's not only scary, it's sad.

It's no secret Democrats and Republicans try to spin issues their way in hopes to persuade the independent voters. But did they ever consider what those independent voters really think? The political rhetoric and spats between John Kerry and George W. Bush aren't fooling anyone.

And in a time of war, this is arguably the most polarized this country has ever been. Something isn't adding up.

To further examine the race to the White House, you must go outside the box and onto the athletic playing field. In the swimming pool, the attitudes of the men on the U.S. Swim Team are as discreet as the chlorine: it flat out stinks.

One example of the differences in

Pete Gutschenritter

the attitudes is swimming phenom Michael Phelps and Gary Hall, Jr. Phelps, who was shoved into the spotlight before the Summer Games even began, did what he was there to do: swim well and help his team.

While Hall swam to a gold medal, his actions outside of the pool were a disgrace and left a bad taste in my mouth.

Not only did he discredit a U.S. swimmer by calling him "nothing but a relay swimmer," he showed up in

boxing garb, flexed his muscles and did all he could to absorb the television cameras.

Did I forget to mention that Phelps won five gold medals and gave up his relay spot to his teammate, Ian Crocker, after beating him in the

100 meter fly? And while I watched more of the Summer Games than ever before, I did not watch one minute of the U.S. men's basketball team. Instead of watching the "Dream Team," made up of NBA players with an average salary of \$27 million, I chose to watch a real team.

I watched the Iraq soccer team defy all odds and make it to the semifinals. Now that's a team.

These are just two of the countless examples of how polarized this country is. The Gary Hall, Jr.'s and the "Dream Team" players represent the powerful Democratic and Republican parties. But what about the Michael Phelps' in the world?

What about the people who just want to do their job without worrying about being suffocated by political rhetoric?

In two months, Americans will head to the polls to cast their vote for who they want to run their country. But before that happens, ask yourself this: Who can lead this country to help give more credit to the humble and quiet the ignorant?

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Building on the Future

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The Station

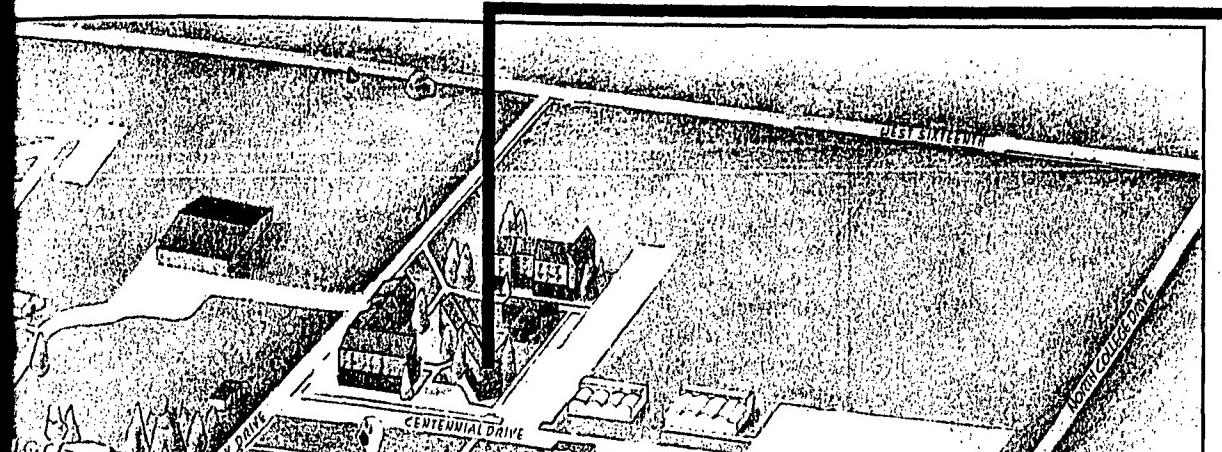
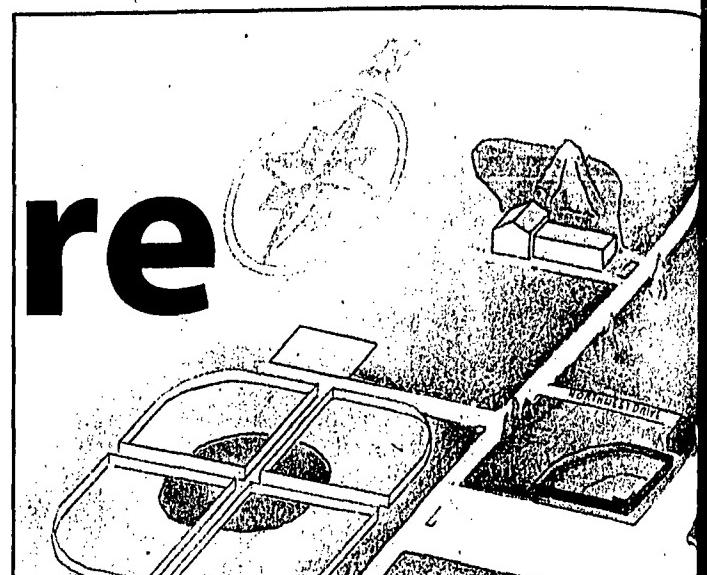
On the west side of campus, the former conference center was transformed into a small union.. The interior design looks modern and will soon provide students with high-speed wireless Internet . It contains meeting rooms, study space, a coffee shop and convenience store. The Station's basement houses textbook services and the University bakery • Freshmen and upperclassmen alike have begun to regularly shop and socialize when the building opened this fall.

Tower Suites

Standing on what was formerly known as Tundra, the two suites house 360 sophomores and juniors. Each unit has its own bathroom and living area. The two and four bed-rooms are fully furnished and each student receives a laptop computer. Laundry, vending and cooking facilities are located on each floor. The goal of these suites is to provide more privacy while preserving valuable community amenities.

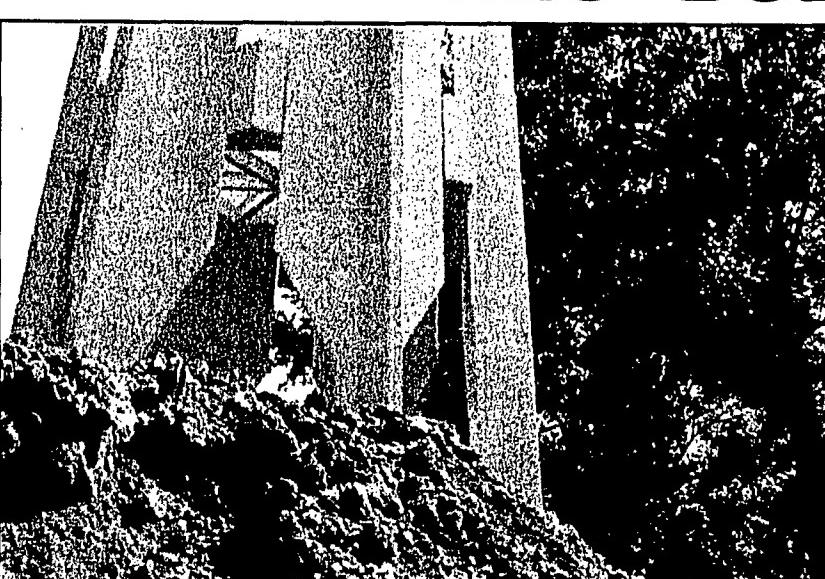
Fire Arts

An 11,240 square-foot fire arts facility located between the east side of the current Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building and Munn Avenue will open in fall 2005. The project costs \$17 million. The fire arts' elements include kilns, welding activities and woodworking activities. The building was constructed to overcome the health and safety issues associated with the current facility's age.



Forest Village Apartments

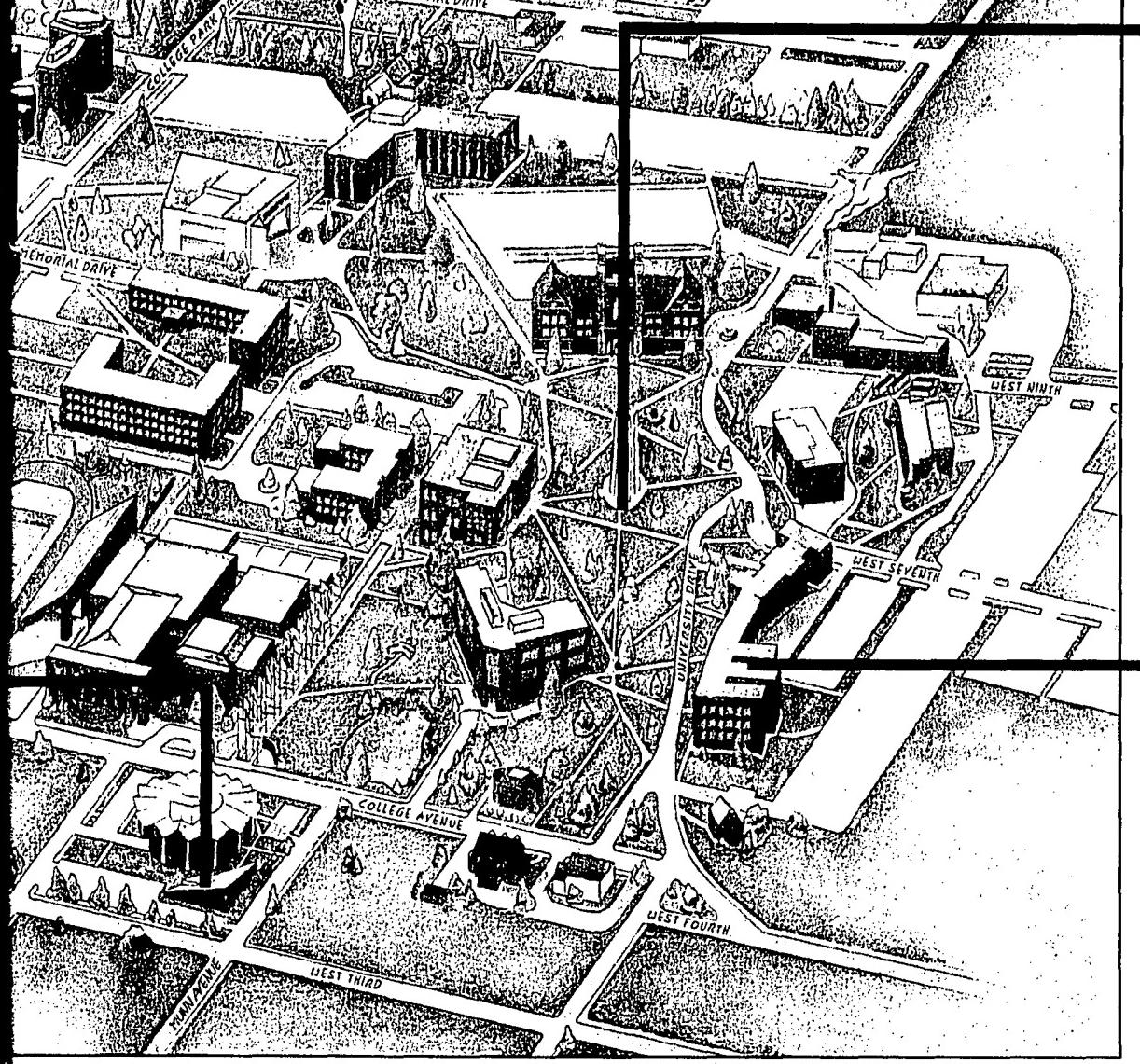
Located off Centennial Drive are three apartment complexes catered to upperclassmen and graduate students. Students can either live in a two or four bedroom apartment which is fully furnished with a full kitchen, washer and dryer, private bedrooms and a full bathroom. Each resident receives a laptop computer. The apartments are designed to provide privacy and amenities.



The Bell Tower

A prominent landmark on campus continues to receive a \$300,000 face lift. The tentative competition date of this projects was August 2004. Now the university hopes to have the Bell Tower completed by

The look of the Bell Tower and surrounding area includes a fresh coat of white paint, new sidewalks handicap accessibility, benches, light poles, landscaping and a "N."

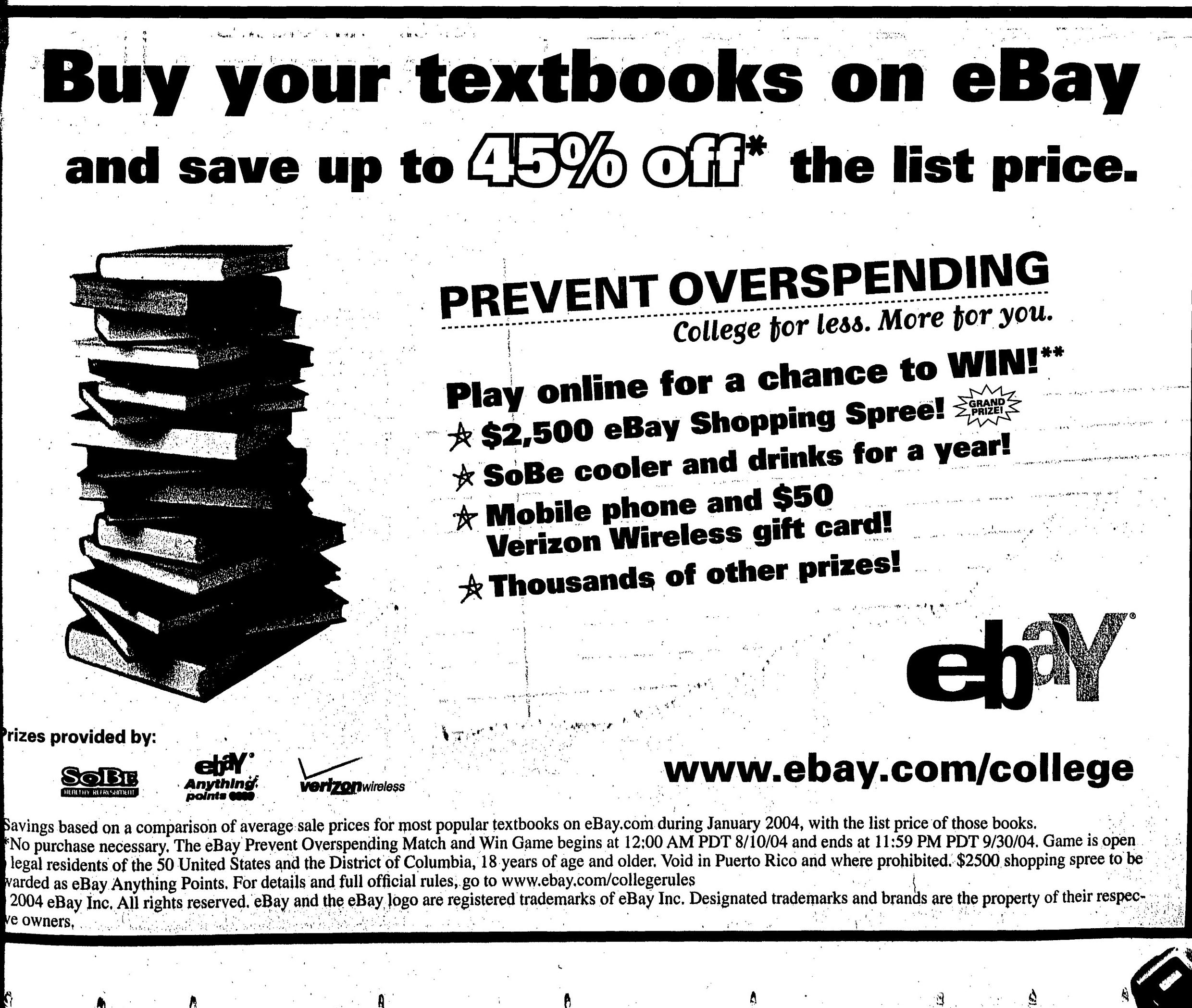


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Hudson & Perrin halls light poles, landscaping and a "N.

Similar to the new suites on campus, the Residence Hall Planning team proposes to demolish Hudson and Perrin. If the proposal is approved by the Board of Regents, the freshman residence halls will be rebuilt to resemble the suites, while providing an interactive atmosphere. The Planning Team is proposing a grid that will house 20 students per wing and a 10:1 ratio of students and restrooms.

An advertisement for Cebridge Connections. At the top, a woman stands smiling next to a large, stylized 'Cebridge' sign. The word 'Cebridge' is written in a bold, blocky font where each letter has a horizontal bar extending from its right side. Below the main title, the word 'Connection' is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. A small banner at the top left reads 'Discounted rates guaranteed for a whole year!'. Below the main title, there's a promotional offer: 'Come by the office and register for a chance to win a FREE IPOD when you get the connection! A \$249 value!' followed by two large buttons labeled 'Basic Cable' and 'Expanded Basic'. The 'Basic Cable' button is associated with a list of channels and a price of '\$29.95* per mo. For 1 year!'. The 'Expanded Basic' button is associated with a price of '\$19.95* for just 1 year!' and includes a list of features. At the bottom, there's a phone number '866.303.3758', the Cebridge logo, and the website 'www.cebridge.net'. A small fine print section at the very bottom provides legal details about the offer.



City promotes proper neighborhood etiquette

By ABBY SIMONS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

For Northwest students living beyond campus boundaries, the days of Animal House living are numbered.

Specifically, in the form of Maryville City Ordinance section 215.120.

Thanks to a collaborative effort launched last spring by city officials and the Committee for My Maryville, students and community members alike have been made aware of city enforcement appearance codes throughout neighborhoods—in short, a local media blitz lamenting of the dangers of indoor furniture outdoors, unmowed lawns and unlicensed pets.

The campaign, involving radio and newspaper advertisements, as well as postings and e-mails sent to Northwest students, has proven effective, according to Jim Wiederholt, Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Maryville.

"I have seen an improvement, and maybe more of a basic understanding by the city of the ordinance of what the rules are," Wiederholt said. "For example, ev-

eryone knows you need to keep your grass mowed, but not everyone knew that seven inches was the limit."

While Wiederholt agrees the campaign has proven a success, and that most code violations do occur in the student-frequented neighborhoods surrounding the Northwest campus, students are not a prime target of the campaign or enforcement.

"This list isn't specifically for students, it's for everyone who lives within the city limits of Maryville," Wiederholt said. "We realize that students are new and don't know all the rules. We just want to give them the heads up and make their stay more enjoyable."

Wiederholt also encourages those curious about the ordinance to contact his office at 562-8027.

"The easiest thing to do is to call City Hall and ask 'Why can't we have couches on the front porch?' and we'd be happy to explain," he said. "If it's a law that doesn't make sense, then people would have more of a chance of ignoring it. If they understand why it's in place, there will be a better chance that they'll obey it."

New leadership settles itself into the second floor of the University's headquarters.

Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Thomas Billesbach, dean of the Melvin and Valorie Booth College of Business and Professional Studies may have different backgrounds, but their main focus is students.

"We want to continue to have students as our number one focus and

that's not going to change," Billesbach said.

The arts and sciences faculty, staff and students can visit with McAdams and vice versa as he pledges to spend time each week in each of his college's departments.

"One of the things that I am going to do is to spend what I call the dean's hour in the academic building," McAdams said.

As a Tennessee native and former Central Missouri State University acting dean of the college of arts and sciences, McAdams said one



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Trash strung out across a front yard off of east fourth street violates a city ordinance that requires residents to contain their garbage in a can. Students received a list of requirements in their e-mail.

Two new deans focus their attention on students

By SARAH SWEDBERG
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

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College of Arts and Sciences Dean

of his goals is to build cohesiveness across the arts and sciences college by sponsoring a series of brown bag lunches for faculty.

"Where we'll come together and discuss issues that are important to the faculty and college," he said. "There could be opportunities for knowledge sharing and the ability to learn from each other as we work to continually improve so that we can improve student learning."

Billesbach, who has served the university's business department for the past 10 years as a

faculty member and department chair, says some of his goals include having each department make a niche for itself either regionally or nationally.

"Something that separates us from every other department and every other school within the region," he said.

These deans were chosen, Provost Taylor Barnes said based on what the committee was looking for, "...the ability and openness to listen, work and respect the faculty and students."

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Legacy lives on for student, Marine

"We had a candlelight vigil at the house, and a lot of people outside of the community came," he said. "It was neat to see that."

When Shipferling wasn't hanging out with his brothers-to-be, he could be seen out on the golf course or with his brother, Drew. He could also be seen traveling and going on road trips with Krueger.

More than missing the road trips, Krueger misses Shipferling's personality.

"I remember how carefree he

was," Krueger said. "I remember how he used to laugh. He always had a huge smile."

Looking back on Shipferling's life, Peterson remembers him as someone who could always get along with people. Moving from Wisconsin to Savannah, Mo., in the middle of high school, Peterson said her brother was able to make the adjustment.

"Nobody disliked him," she said. "Nobody was judgmental. He had an aura about him."

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Mother, daughter reflect on experiences

"The (home economic) classes sounded interesting, so I took a class for an elective," she said. "Than I started working in the department and I changed my major and went into education."

Maureen taught Home Economics in the Maryville R-II School District before receiving her masters to become a school counselor. Now she works at Maryville Middle School as one.

Both Maureen and Ashley say the most important memory to them is their friendships, the laughter and the experiences they shared, which will last far longer than the brick layers of Hudson and Perrin.

"I still share with these friends," she said. "The building of these friendships and then carrying them on throughout our life has been the most important

part."

With the indefinite demolition of the two residence halls come feelings of anticipation for the next change in residential life history.

Maureen said she compares it to the Maryville School District's Washington Middle School demolition.

"A lot of memories and history were buried," she said.

And as universities today compete with other schools to attract students, Maureen said, Hudson and Perrin Halls do not attract the average freshman.

"Especially with all the other nice dorms we have," Ashley said.

She agrees with her mom's thoughts.

"I think, obviously it's smarter to tear it down," Ashley said. "But I guess you'll never have Perrin or Hudson again, and that's the downfall."

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Campus planning team: demolish halls

"They want to know, 'Do I have a nice place to live? Is it air conditioned? Is it as nice as the one at (Missouri Western State College) or (University of Missouri-Columbia)? We have to do that if we're going to compete with schools throughout the Midwest, we have to have something that's as good as anybody else's."

With Hudson and Perrin closed this year, it is the first time traditional University students have all been housed in air conditioning rooms, Courter said. The only exception is Cooper Hall, where the Northwest Academy students live. Cooper Hall contains some rooms have some window air conditioning units, Courter said.

"This is what students expect any-

more," he said. "This is the marketplace we find ourselves in."

As the four-phase master plan continues, many other questions will have to be addressed. Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs, said the Hudson and Perrin project could dictate what happens to other residential halls on campus.

"It's possible down the road, as we build up more suites and apartments that South Complex might very well be a freshmen residence hall, but right now it isn't," Porterfield said.

The Board of Regents will again discuss Phase II of the master plan at 1 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Union board room. Planning Team officials anticipate a vote will be taken at that time.

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Kids revel in last week of freedom

construction setbacks at Eugene Field give students an extended summer vacation

JARED HOFFMANN
CHIEF REPORTER

For the majority of Missouri students, the inevitable has finally come—the end of the all-too-short summer break and the return of homework, curfews and even-hour days.

But for students in the Maryville R-School District, unexpected construction delays have prolonged the sweet freedom of summer just a tad longer.

"It's awesome," said Dylan Krzyzopolski, a seventh-grader at Maryville Middle School. "I don't have much time to think about school."

Krzyzopolski, like most 12 year olds, has been spending much of his summer vacation enjoying the outdoors with friends, wishing that somehow his days in the sun could last just a little longer. The delay also lets him forget about the subject he enjoys the least.

"I'm most happy to be away from school," Krzyzopolski said. "I don't like writing all those numbers."

Kathryn Prothero and Kassie Foster, two seventh-graders at Maryville Middle School, have been using the extra time to prepare for volleyball tryouts. Both

of them have been working hard preparing for their first year with the Spoofhounds.

"I think having the extra break is pretty awesome," Prothero said. "We get to be away from school for longer, plus try to get better at volleyball."

According to Steve Klotz, Eugene Field Elementary School principal, delaying school was a necessary measure to ensure the school is completely safe for students.

"Pushing school back will allow us to finish all of the cleanup that comes with the construction process," Klotz said. "We decided it wouldn't be clean and safe for the kids in time."

The scheduled start date, which was originally scheduled for Aug. 25, has now been moved to Sep. 7. According to Klotz, some adjusting had to be done to meet the 174 school days and 1,044 hours of attendance required by the state of Missouri. Students will lose three days from Christmas break, have to go half of a day before Thanksgiving and the Friday before President's Day.

The completed reconstruction process for the elementary school includes a new roof, replacement of all windows, two new kindergarten and preschool classrooms, as well as new art and music rooms.

While the extra time off has been a blessing for many, some students are ready for the school year to get back into full swing.

Alex Heflin, a junior at Maryville High School, said getting back to school will

be a better use of his time.

"I'm running out of stuff to do," Heflin said. "I'm just ready to go back to school so I can get it over with."

Although he is anxious for school to start, Heflin said the time off has allowed him to help out at home.

"I'm helping my dad out a lot on the farm," Heflin said. "I'm also tearing apart my semi-truck trying to get it in operation to use on the farm. So, it was kind of nice to have the extra time to work on it."

Heflin and his father use the old truck for many of their tasks around the farm including hauling grain and beans to contracted locations. Heflin aspires to become a truck driver once he turns 18.

Maryville High School is also seeing its share of upgrades. However, the delays are not related to the work that is occurring there.

Reconstruction for the high school includes an expanded library, a new commons area, two new classrooms and a hallway that connects the north side of the building to the science school.

Rumors have started to circulate about another possible extension on the delayed opening. According to Maryville High School Principal Ron Landherr, those rumors are completely false. School will start for all Maryville students on Sept. 7 as scheduled.

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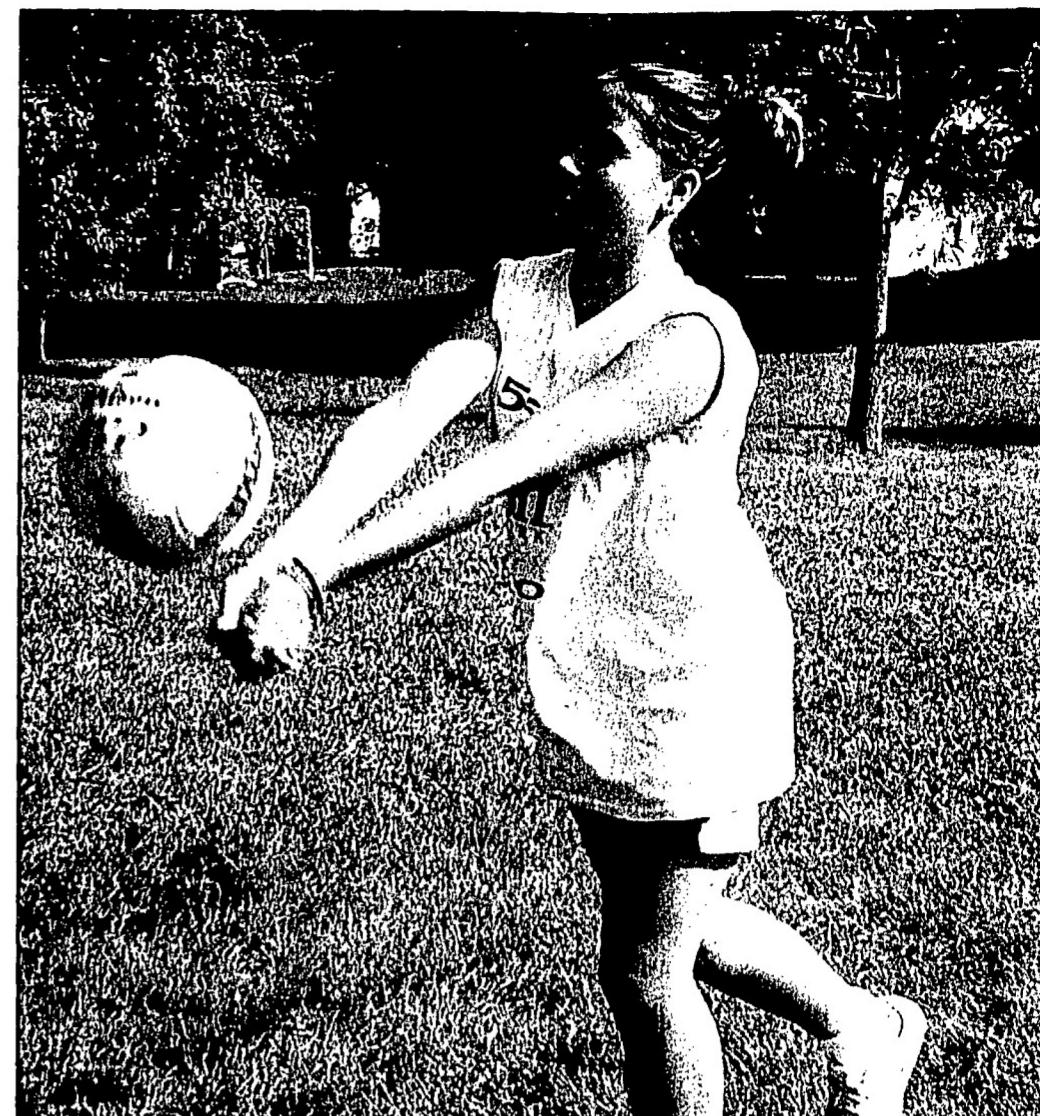


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Maryville seventh-grader Kassie Foster practices her volleyball skills in front of the Maryville Aquatic Center Tuesday in preparation for team tryouts. The school district's delayed opening gave students an extra 12 days of summer fun.

Downtown mural project will begin next Thursday

SHARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS EDITOR

After more than two years of planning and preparation, the Maryville Mural Committee's first project is in full swing.

NMC leader Alice Hersh said the mural, which will be located on the side of the H & R Block building on First and Main streets, will hopefully be completed by the end of the month.

The committee commissioned Kelly Poling of Original Artworks in Chillicothe, Mo., who will arrive next Thursday to begin painting. Poling will paint the mural alone and is not only known for artistic abilities, but also an excellent work ethic.

"(Poling) said that when he paints, he paints very hard," Hersh said. "So hopefully everything will be finished in a matter of weeks."

Poling also said he is very excited about the Maryville project and is

Poling, who graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in art, has over three decades of painting experience under his belt. He plans on working 12-hour shifts and personally thinks the project will take him around two weeks.

The committee found out about Poling by word of mouth from locals who have seen his work in his hometown. Poling has also done murals in Cuba, Mo., Omaha, Neb., and Fayetteville, Ark.

Poling has garnered a great deal of regional attention for his work and has been contacted by KMBC Channel 9 in Kansas City for a feature to be aired next month.

"People really enjoy (the murals)," Poling said. "People want more and more of them and I've been offered projects from all sorts of different states."

Poling also said he is very excited about the Maryville project and is



IMAGE COURTESY OF THE MARYVILLE MURAL COMMITTEE

The mural will depict Maryville in the late 1800s and feature notable Nodaway County residents of the era like writer Homer Croy (far left). The entire project is scheduled to be completed by Oct. 1.

sometimes surprised at the response his work receives.

"I did my first mural (in Omaha) about 20 years ago and really didn't think anything about it," Poling said. "They were taking a chance with me, but after that it just snowballed. I love doing these things."

When the project was announced, the committee received more than \$14,000 in donations from local businesses and residents. Donations ranged from as little as \$10 to as much as \$3,000, but Hersh stressed that every donation was important and wouldn't have

been possible without everyone who donated.

The committee hopes this will be an ongoing project and has already identified possible sites for future murals. As of now, no more projects have been finalized.

Community events

Thurs.	2	■ Nodaway County Retired School Members Association, 9 a.m., Senior Center
Fri.	3	■ No Events
Sat.	4	■ National Newspaper Carrier Day
Sun.	5	■ Food Pantry Sunday, First Christian Church
Mon.	6	■ Labor Day
Tues.	7	■ Wings, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Children and Family Center
Wed.	8	■ Alcoholics Anonymous, 6 p.m., Methodist Church
		■ Classes begin for Maryville School District
		■ Single Parents United, 7 p.m., Hope Lutheran Church
		■ Cancer Support Meeting, 6 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church

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Democratic challenger accuses Bond of smear campaign

WASHINGTON - She hasn't begun running ads, but Democratic Senate challenger Nancy Farmer said GOP Sen. Kit Bond is smearing her on the airwaves with a critical radio commercial.

Bond's campaign said it's not a smear but a spirited discussion of issues. The senator's ad is aimed at a conservative and rural audience, and it hits Farmer on issues that are compelling to those voters: gay marriage, abortion, military funding and taxes.

In the spot, a man tells a woman that

Bond did in this caustic ad, "Farmer said. "... I mean, it's not even Labor Day. You would think he would be out there talking about his record and the issues. I don't think he wants to talk about jobs. I don't think he wants to talk about health care."

Farmer has never opposed the St. Louis-based fighter jet program, she said, and her only problem with Boeing is the company's overseas outsourcing of jobs.

She said her support for tax cuts eclipses the tax increase she voted for, and

that it's a distraction for Bond to raise the gay marriage and abortion issues.

Bond's campaign spokesman said it's clear Farmer doesn't want to talk about those issues.

"We look forward to continuing a spirited discussion of the issues so Missouri voters understand the clear differences between the candidates," said the spokesman, Rob Ostrander. "This is a desperate charge by a desperate candidate who is trying to run away from her own record."

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STRESS GOES

With another school year underway, three Northwest students can answer with a resounding 'Yes!'

By STEPHANIE STANGL
FEATURES EDITOR

She's just like any other college student on the first day of school: adorning herself with the outfit so diligently picked out the night before, then filling a massive backpack and finally eating a breakfast of cold cereal. Suddenly, a baby sends out a shrill cry, almost as if on cue, reminding her that her morning routine is far-from-over.

The beginning of the school year marks one of the most stressful times in any college student's life, but for single mother Kara Akers, a chemistry major at Northwest, stress isn't limited to tests and homework.

With a forlorn look in her piercing, green eyes, Akers admits that she knows nothing will ever be the same, but it's the stress a new baby brings, not the drastic lifestyle change, that burdens her.

Instead of going to class and worrying about all the things a typical student would, Akers has to feed, bathe and clothe three-month-old Kayley. Additionally, she has to figure out how to make financial ends meet and cope with the recent separation from Kayley's father.

Through all the imminent stress Akers encounters daily, she finds a way to make the best out of her new situation.

"While my life is completely different now and I can't go out and party every night, I'm having a different kind of fun," Akers said glancing down at Kayley, who softly coos and squirms in her arms. "I don't regret anything. I look at her and it's worth it."

Frazzled Freshman

Although Rachel Jordan doesn't have a child to make the new school year extra hectic, the stress of beginning a college career this fall brings burdens of its own.

Not only does she worry about starting out again at the bottom of the totem pole or making new friends, Jordan is involved in nearly everything. From holding a part time job at The Mandarin, to flute lessons, to orchestra and church, there are not many hours she can call her own.

"There's only so much time in a day," Jordan said. "Unfortunately, I don't have that concept down yet. I need to take some stuff off my plate, but I love to be busy even if everything stresses me out."

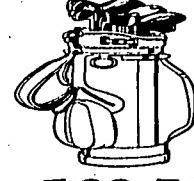
At the end of her senior year of high school, Jordan was involved in so much that she was only getting three to four hours of sleep per night. She got so mentally and physically rundown that she was sick for days. Jordan hopes that she can remain just as busy as a college freshman but not get as worn out.

"I am a perfectionist," she said with a nervous giggle. "If I am going to do

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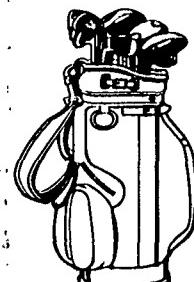


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Ambassador Anxiety

Member of Phi Delta Theta, captain of the Mock Trial Team and a resident Ambassador are all positions that consume a hefty amount of time. Combine those titles with being the Student Senate President and you have a recipe for a steamy batch of stress.

Junior Chase Cornett, a political science and speech communication major at Northwest, knew that his elected position as Student Senate President was going to mean a lot of headaches, late nights, but that doesn't seem to faze him. Through doing to-do lists and keeping organized, he manages to keep stress level down.

"Sometimes you just have to say 'no', no matter how much you want to help people out," Cornett said. "Sometimes you just have to prioritize and pick your battles wisely."

In-between organizing each Student Senate meeting, working on university committees and participating in numerous organizations, Cornett must also find time for himself and ensure he still has fun throughout his last years at Northwest.

Despite the days when it seems like he is going to get through an extreme work load, Chase says he wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is going to be a learning experience and is going to help me no matter where I go or what I do," Chase said. "It's something that I've always wanted to do and that I enjoy doing. I really being involved in the campus and this position allows me to do that."

Final Thoughts

Why is it so important for all students to keep stress at bay? Consistently high stress levels can cause high blood pressure, ulcers, a weakened immune system or even heart attacks, according to April Haberyan, a psychology professor at Northwest.

"To alleviate stress, students could exercise, get more sleep, eat better," Haberyan said. "Students could also try meditation, breathing exercises. Humor is also one of the best medicines."

But a stress isn't always detrimental, says Haberyan. Good stress, known as "eustress" can keep students motivated to keep organized and get things accomplished. In essence, it's when bad stress, termed "distress", consumes hours of a day that it truly becomes problematic.

Stress is unavoidable at the beginning of any college term, so sit back, and enjoy the ride.

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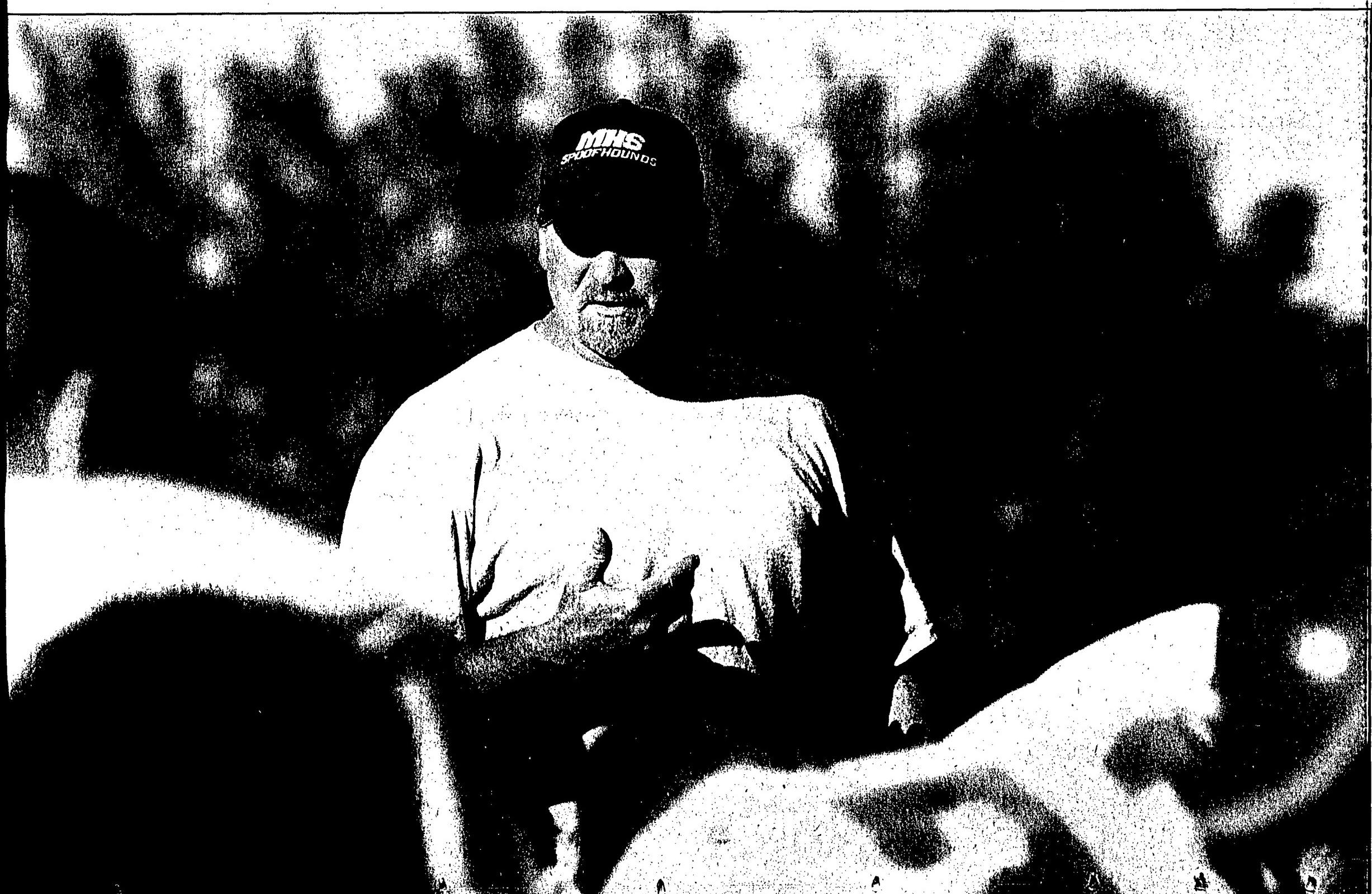
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One incredible comeback **FRESH STARTS** One new beginning

Morris White silenced the critics who doubted his health, the same way Northwest fans stood silent the day he was carted off the field on a stretcher.

Paul Miller takes the helm of Spoofhound football with hopes of wiping the slate clean after controversy marred the program.



10 Things about Gabriel Helms

Gabriel Helms

Gabriel Helms is the starting cornerback for the Bearcats. The senior scored his first touchdown of the year on an interception against Moorhead.

Favorite Food: sweet potatoes

Last C.D. I listened to: T.I.

Favorite football game I have played in: Arrowhead 2003- The Fall Classic

How did I get the nickname Q: It's a long story, I'll just leave it at that.

Closest friend on the team: Tony Glover, Jamaica Rector and Andre Rector

Favorite Coach T quote: "There's reason you wear the white jersey." (reference to wide receivers dropping the ball in practice.)



Toughest class: This is my last semester. I don't have any.

Major: Corporate Recreation

Favorite color: red

How did I get the No. 23: It was given to me. I guess I've grown to love it.

Bearcats roll by Dragons, set scoring records

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bearcats could have never imagined it was going to be this easy. Entering the season opener against Minnesota State-Moorhead, the team knew the Dragons didn't compete to the level of most MIAA opponents. It showed on Saturday.

The 'Cats used touchdowns on offense, defense and special teams to defeat Moorhead 77-12.

Northwest set school records for most points in a game, biggest margin of victory and kicker Luis Berlanga set a school record with 11 extra points.

Yet, the entire game wasn't easy for the defending MIAA champions.

After a 46-yard opening kickoff return by receiver Morris White, Northwest drove the length of the field before freshman running back Xavier Omon fumbled the ball on the one-yard line and saw it dribble out the back of the Dragons' endzone.

After going three-and-out on their next possession and holding the Dragons, the offense exploded.

Junior quarterback Josh Lamberson found White from 70 yards out to take an early 7-0 lead. The 'Cats scored again in the first quarter when Lamberson scrambled from sideline to sideline before scoring from 25 yards.

"I saw man-to-man coverage and was salivating," Lamberson said. "He just was wide open."

Neither team could do anything offensively until the Bearcats scored on a four-play drive, all on runs by

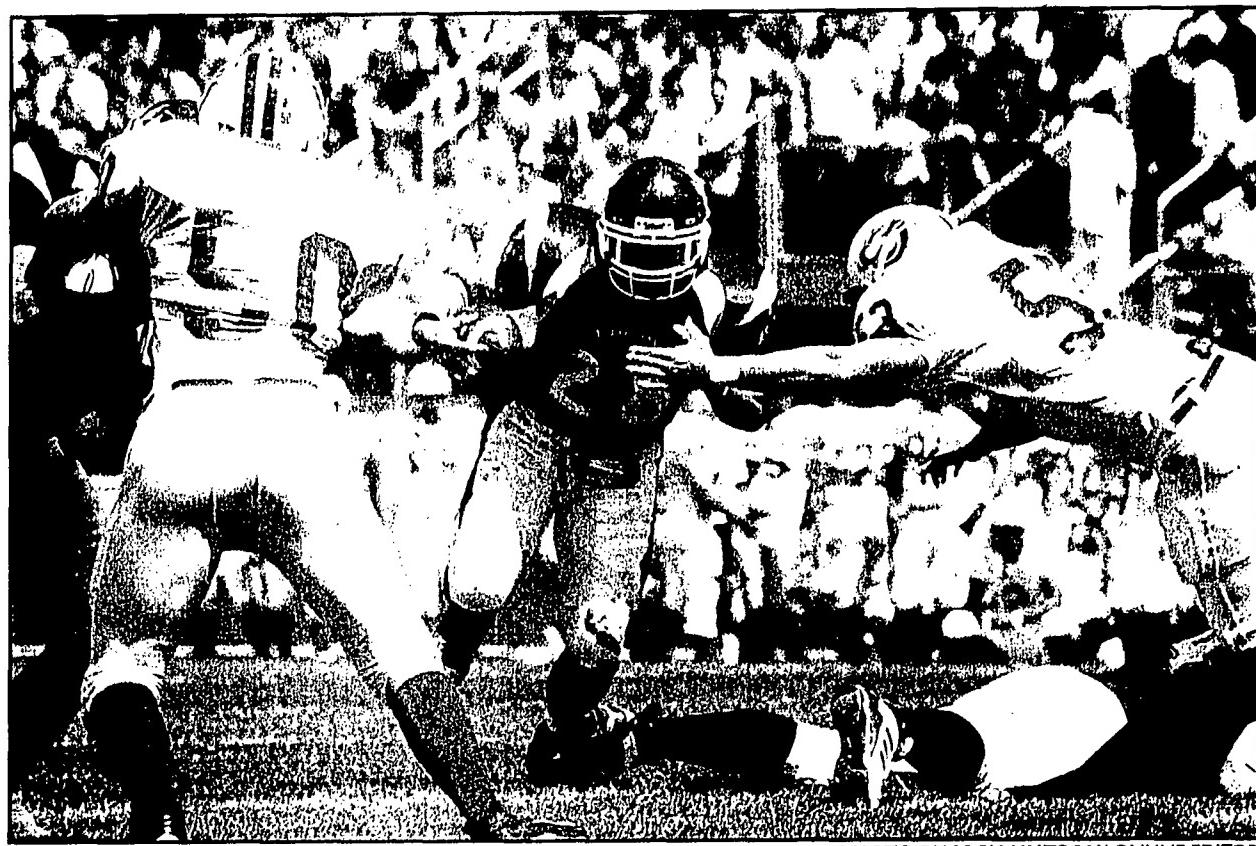


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Running back Shon Wells finds a hole during the season opener against Minnesota State-Moorhead. Wells split time at running back with Xavier Omon and Mike Fiech.

Shon Wells. From there the 'Cats scored 21 more points in less than five minutes.

The first came when Lamberson found Andre Rector from 43 yards and scored on a one-yard run the next play. The defense then recovered a fumble on the Dragons' 20-yard line.

Two plays later, Omon scored from 10 yards out to give the Bearcats a 35-

0 lead with 4:30 left in the first half.

Before Moorhead could get out of the half, White scored again on a 36-yard punt return to end the scoring for the Bearcats.

The first-string offense played only one drive in the second half, a 40-yard touchdown pass from Lamberson to White.

Northwest tacked on 28 more

points in the second half, a 70-yard interception by Gabriel Helms, a 61-yard pass from backup quarterback Jeff Netolicky to Jared Meyerkorth, a 3-yard run by Netolicky and a 24-yard run by running back Zach Sherman.

"I really didn't think I was going to score," Helms said. "I saw a whole lot of white jerseys in front of me, but I made a couple moves and all the sud-

den I saw nothing but green jerseys and green grass so I just kept going."

Defensively, Northwest held the Dragons to 198 total yards, most of those coming against the second string defense. The starters held Moorhead to 48 total yards.

Coach Mel Tjeerdsma was pleased with the defense's overall performance.

"They did what we expected them to do," Tjeerdsma said. "We were sure how they would react to our option offense, but they responded very well."

If shutting them down offensively wasn't enough, 32 players made tackles for the 'Cats. Linebacker Andrew Long recorded five tackles.

A blowout win, while by a bigger margin than maybe Tjeerdsma had liked, still was a definite positive.

"You want everyone to get off to a good start," Tjeerdsma said. "It's good to get everyone in the game."

Bearcat Notes:

Loving Luis- Transfer Berlanga lived up to his pre-game hype by dropping three kickoffs of the back of the endzone during the second quarter. Much of the second half, he worked on placing kicks adding extra hang time on the back. All of this came in addition to kicking 11 extra points.

All things considered- As if scoring 77 points wasn't a big enough accomplishment, the Bearcats essentially scored all those points in three quarters. Northwest did not score in the first half of the opening quarter and did not score in the final half of the fourth. Punter Joel Mathews punted four times in the first half.

Northwest faces off against unfamiliar eastern foe

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

For most contenders in the MIAA, playing schools from within the region is no big deal in the non-conference.

Northwest seems to have broken the mold.

The Bearcats face off with West Chester (Pa.) University at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Despite facing off against teams from South Dakota and Minnesota the last two seasons, coach Mel Tjeerdsma says this will be a different experience for both teams.

The Golden Rams are located in

West Chester Pa., which—according to randmcnally.com—is 1,122 miles almost due east of Maryville.

It would be easy to think the 'Cats are at a distinct advantage, with their opponent playing at an unfamiliar location.

Tjeerdsma isn't so sure.

"I'm sure this is going to be a really big deal for West Chester," Tjeerdsma said. "Anytime you travel it creates some type of excitement, which usually takes care of any problems you might have with fatigue."

While West Chester has to adjust to the different game time, both teams have to get used to an earlier start. Northwest,

which usually begins its games at 1 p.m. now faces a kickoff of two hours earlier.

The teams were scheduled to play at the usual 1 p.m. time, but problems with the Golden Rams' flight forced the game to its earlier start.

Many students may not like making it to the stadium earlier than they would normally wake up on a Saturday, but players like Gabriel Helms seem to have embraced the new game time.

"I really don't mind it," Helms said. "It gives us the rest of the day and night instead of taking up the whole afternoon with football."

The Northwest staff has made plans to get things going earlier for their play-

ers so they will still have the same feel at game time.

Tjeerdsma said they will have to make certain changes as far as an earlier pregame meal as well as having his players report to the stadium earlier.

Even with the changes being made in their schedule, the players seemed to be pleased to get a chance to face off against West Chester.

"It's exciting," Helms said. "Anytime you can face someone new, especially from across the country, it's fun. This will give us a chance to compare ourselves with someone not from the area."

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	Rec.	Yds.
Stoer, Andre	3	95
White, Morris	2	110
Falkner, E.J.	2	14
Werkhorth, Jared	1	61
Alberts, Daren	1	7
Person, Mike	1	4

	Att.	Yds.
Werkhorth, Zach	8	53
Lamberson, Josh	7	60
White, Mike	8	27
Falkner, Xavier	6	24
Wilkerson, Shon	6	27
Waznik, Scott	2	6
White, Morris	1	5
Metolicky, Jeff	2	3

	No.	Yds.
White, Morris	2	88
Wilms, Gabriel	1	70
Martin, Tyler	1	34
Werkhorth, Zach	1	15
Wilkerson, Jake	1	12
Albert, Diez	1	9
Falkner, E.J.	1	6

	Solo	Total
Young, Adam	3	5.0
Hirshman, Caleb	4	4.5
Stewart, Chad	3	4.5
John, Dallas	2	4.0
Garrison, Ben	2	3.5
Heath, Heath	1	3.5
James, Tyler	2	2.5
Garrett, Derek	2	2.5
Heine, Gerrit	2	2.0
Conrad, Dustin	2	2.5

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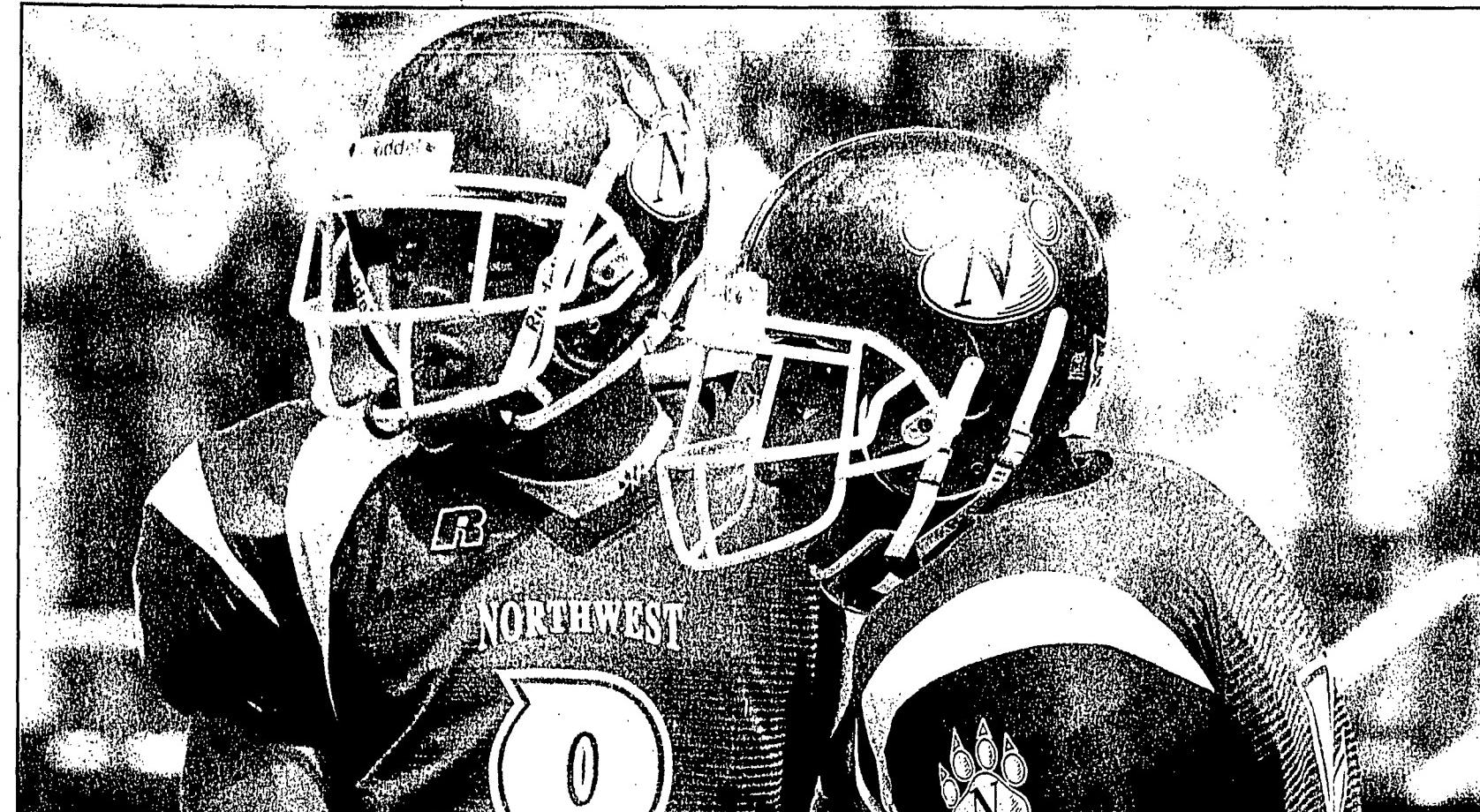
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Morris White celebrates his punt return with wide receiver E.J. Falkner. White scored three touchdowns on Saturday while touching the ball just five times. He finished the game with 203 total yards.

Mighty Mo comes back with bang

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

For Morris White, Saturday marked a comeback that many may have never expected.

After breaking his leg against Southwest Baptist last season, White was relegated to the bench for the final two games of the 2003 season.

Yet by watching White in the season opener against Minnesota State-Moorhead, it was impossible to see he had ever been injured. He finished his first game back from his broken leg by racking up 203 all-purpose yards. Though 203 yards is impressive by any means, that total is even more surprising considering he touched the ball a total of five times the entire game.

"(The way I played) feels great," White said. "Words can't express exactly how I feel, I really don't think it's set in yet. But I know what I've gone through to get back on the field."

After White spent off-season trying to get his leg back to 100 percent, coach Mel Tjeerdtsma was confident the senior would have a good year.

"For him there was never any doubt in his mind that he would come back and be just as good as he was before he sustained the injury," Tjeerdtsma said. "He did all the things in the summer that he needed to and I think that really paid off on Saturday."

Even though Tjeerdtsma said the main reason for strong performance in the opener was White's

hard work in the off-season.

"I had no idea I would have a game like this," White said. "Without my teammates I couldn't have done any of this."

As for White's play on Saturday, Tjeerdtsma doesn't know if he has ever seen him perform that way.

"I honestly believe he is a better athlete right now than when he was playing last year," Tjeerdtsma said. "A lot of that I think had to do with all the hard work he put in during the off-season."

Players like quarterback Josh Lamberson look at White's comeback as inspiration for what hard work can do if someone is determined.

"Everyone on our team is real proud of Mo," Lamberson said. "Walking out of that game with

Southwest Baptist last year and seeing his leg in a 90-degree angle, you don't know if a guy is going to come back at all from an injury like that. He's done a great job of coming back, but that's what we expected out of him."

White proved Saturday that his leg was better than ever, beating coverage twice for touchdowns as a receiver. As proud as Tjeerdtsma was of the senior's play Saturday, he was even prouder thinking back to the comeback White has made.

"Most people don't realize how serious of an injury Morris sustained," Tjeerdtsma said. "The things that he has gone through in the off-season, to see him come back and have a game like he did on Saturday just makes you feel really good."

About Saturday

Northwest 1-0 vs. West Chester 1-0

Kickoff: 11 a.m.

Bearcat Stadium

About the Matchup:

This is the first meeting between the Golden Rams and the Bearcats. It is also the first meeting between WCU and an MIAA school. West Chester has faced one other program from Missouri, Missouri Valley. That game occurred in Tampa, FL, on New Year's Day, 1948...it was a contest known as the Cigar Bowl...Missouri Valley won that game 26-7. The Golden Rams have never played a game in Missouri. This will be WCU's first game West of the Mississippi since November 18, 1989, when West Chester fell to Portland State 56-50 in triple-overtime in the NCAA Division II first-round playoffs. Current assistant coach Gerald Toney played in that game. The game will mark only the second time the Golden Rams will have traveled west of the Mississippi in the long history of the program. This will be West Chester's first flight to a road game since November 19, 1994, when the Golden Rams flew to Ferris State Mich. for an NCAA II Playoff contest. The last time Northwest hosted a game not at 1 p.m. was in the second round of the NCAA II Playoffs in 2002 against Northern Colorado.

MIAA Scoreboard

Last Week

Missouri Southern	40
Bacone	21
Winona St.	27
Missouri Western	10
Emporia St.	13
Fort Hays St.	10
Pittsburg St.	56
Western St.	6
South Dakota	49
Truman	22
Colorado Mines	34
Washburn	27
CMSU	13
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DID YOU KNOW?

at the 'Cats started off the season by winning two of their first games. They were then on the next 16 games until the season finale at Missouri in 3-1.

Sophomore Beth Gutschenritter walked on last year. She came in the middle of the season and was leading the team in scoring in goals.

Bearcats have only won six of the past two seasons.

Bearcats allowed only 39 goals in the season, 21 fewer than the previous year.

Bearcats last win at home was in 2003 in a comeback win over Washburn.

last hat trick by a Bearcat was on Nov. 5 by Beth Gutschenritter.

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off a disappointing 3-13-4 season, Northwest women's soccer coach Tracy Cross must now deal with the youngest team she has ever coached.

The Bearcats come off a year in which they lost six seniors to graduation, averaged less than a goal a game (.95) and ranked last in points, assists and goals per game in the MIAA.

The team must not only figure how to consistently put the ball in the net, but also work with 11 freshmen in order to make this a successful season.

But Cross, in her second year of coaching the Bearcats, is hopeful.

"They still bring a bonus to the table with their playing experience, maybe not collegiate, but that will come," she said.

Cross thinks the newcomers' experience from high school and select and club teams will be valuable to the squad as a whole.

Freshman Tracy Sacco played on the same club that last year's freshman standout Beth Gutschenritter did.

Six of the team's starters last weekend had never played in a collegiate game before. Five were true freshman. The only two seniors back are Heather Kolbo and Kristee Potee.

About five members of the team are either fighting injury or are just coming back from an injury.

"We will really be probably working on fast sprints and just getting back our cardio and fitness so that we can play the full 90 minutes without having to (substitute) too much," sophomore Tiffany Robertson said.

The team comes off a season in which they lost seven games by only one goal and they were shut out eight times. The Bearcats went to overtime seven times—four times they went to double overtime—not winning a single game in the extra periods. Cross wants to avoid overtime as much as possible.

Despite the low scoring, the team will have sophomore Gutschenritter coming back after a year in which she led the team in goals scored with seven.

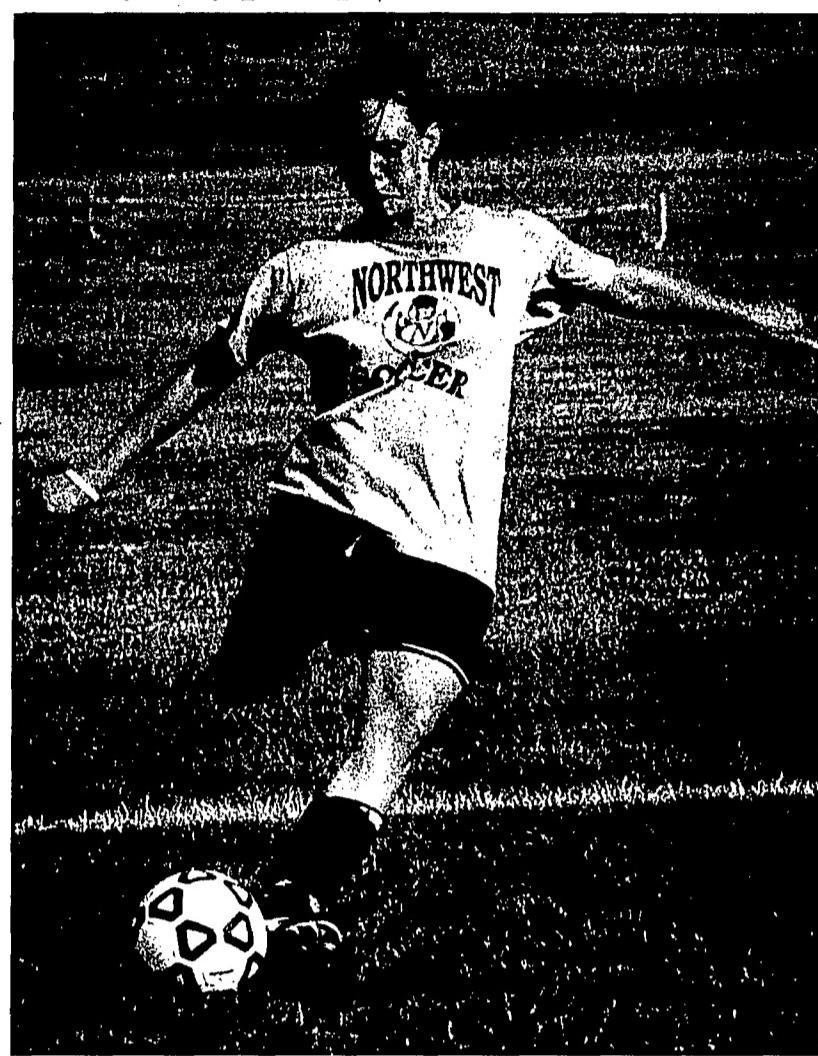


PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Heather Kolbo passes the ball to her teammates in practice on Tuesday. She is one of two returning seniors on the squad. The team has 11 freshmen.

"They want to go forward," Cross said. "(The team) has a good attacking mind. We have the right players in the positions."

However, they allowed an average of 1.95 goals a game. Sophomore goalkeeper Allison Sheridan comes back after playing in nine games last season.

The team started the season off last weekend with losses to Concordia-St. Paul and Winona State. They lost their first game on Friday to Concordia-St. Paul 3-0. They suffered another heart-breaking loss the next day when the lone goal was scored off a Northwest defender late in the second half to give Winona the win at 1-0. Gutschenritter was not available in the Sunday's game due to a slight knee injury she sustained

in the first game. Coach Cross is not sure if she will play this weekend or not.

The team only made two substitutions on Saturday and only three the day before. This is due in large part to the fact that many of their players are injured.

"We were a little tired but we didn't have many subs either," Robertson, a Maryville native, said.

The team continues on the road trip as they face their first MIAA opponents this weekend. They will travel to Joplin to play Missouri Southern on Saturday and then to Emporia State to play the Lady Hornets on Sunday.

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Team Schedule

9-4	Missouri Southern*	3 p.m.
9-5	Emporia St.*	2 p.m.
9-10	Missouri-Rolla*	4 p.m.
9-12	Northern St.	1 p.m.
9-19	Augustana	1 p.m.
9-21	Central Missouri*	7 p.m.
9-25	Southwest Baptist*	4 p.m.
9-29	Washburn*	4 p.m.
10-6	Nebraska-Omaha	4 p.m.
10-9	Emporia St.*	1 p.m.
10-10	Truman St.*	1 p.m.
10-15	Washburn*	4 p.m.
10-22	Missouri-Rolla*	4 p.m.
10-23	Southwest Baptist*	11 a.m.
10-27	Missouri Southern*	3 p.m.
10-30	Rockhurst	2 p.m.
11-2	Central Missouri*	3 p.m.
11-7	Truman St.*	12 p.m.

Home games in bold.

*Conference games



PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Coach Tracy Cross is in her second season as the Bearcats head coach.

Cross tries to rebuild

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Head coach Tracy Cross begins her second season as the Bearcat soccer coach.

The Limerick, Ireland native is in her sixth year of coaching, second season as a head coach. She spent her collegiate career at Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania. She was a four-year letterwinner and was twice named an NSCAA All-American.

She was a captain in 1994, the same year the Lakers went to the Division II Final Four.

In 1999 and 2000 she was an assistant coach at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania. The team had a record of 32-6-3 while she was there. They also made it to the NCAA Division II Sweet Sixteen in 1999 and then the Elite 8 in 2000.

After that, she moved up to a Division I school in Toledo University in Ohio. She spent the 2001 and 2002 seasons as an assistant coach with the Rockets. They had 14-18-3 record during her two-year stay.

Coach Cross now faces a new challenge: coaching a team where half the starters have never played in a collegiate game before.

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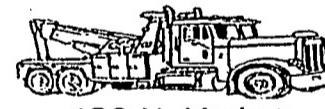
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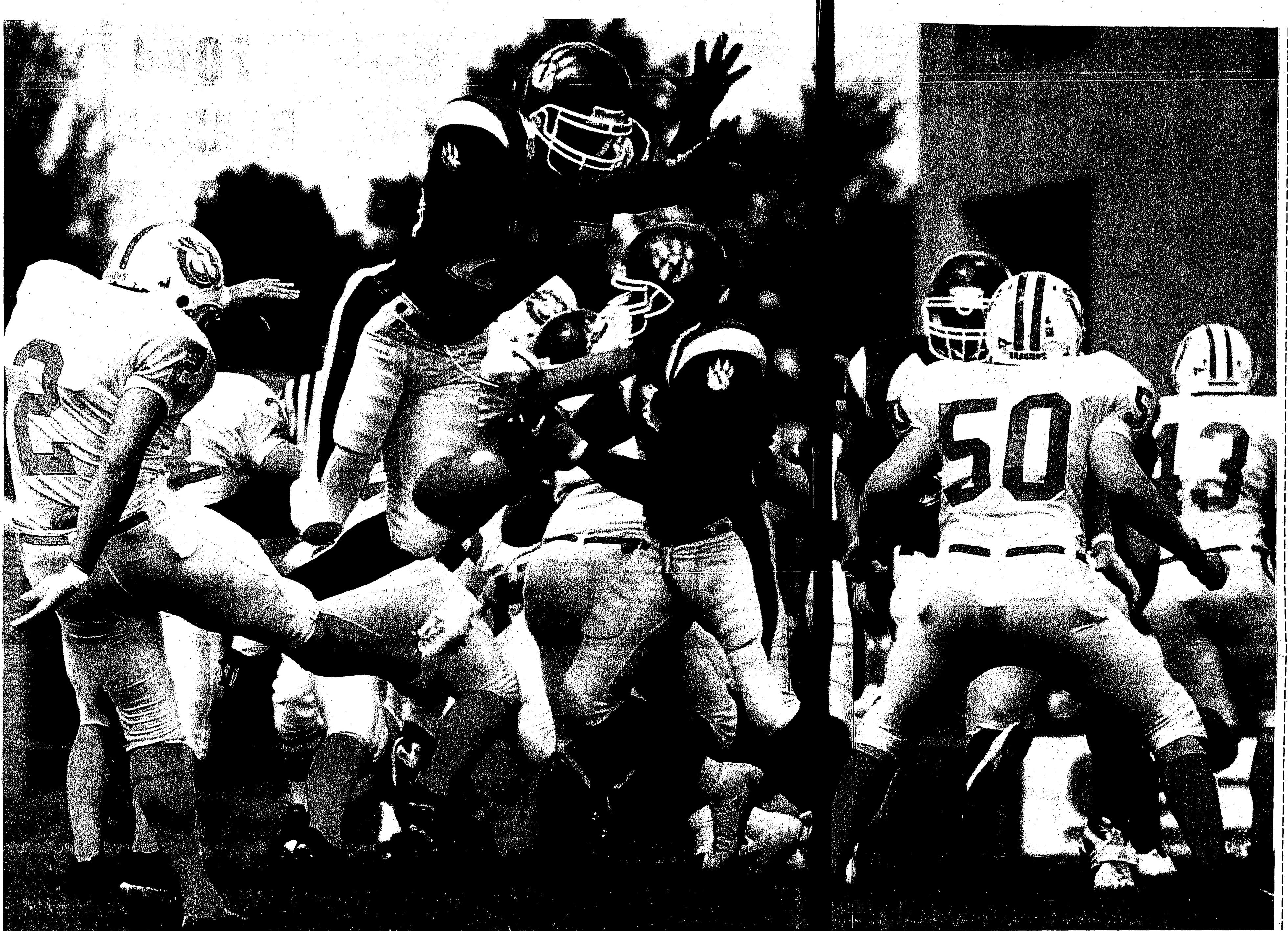
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September 11	
Central Missouri State	7 p.m. Warrensburg, Mo.
September 18	
Missouri-Rolla	1 p.m. Bearcat Stadium
September 25	
Washburn	1 p.m. Topeka, Kan.
October 2	
Emporia State	1 p.m. Bearcat Stadium
October 9	
Missouri Southern	1 p.m. Joplin, Mo.
October 16	
Missouri Western	1 p.m. Bearcat Stadium
October 23	
Truman State	1 p.m. Kirksville, Mo.
October 30	
Southwest Baptist	1 p.m. Bolivar, Mo.
November 6	
Pittsburg State	2 p.m. Arrowhead Stadium
November 13	
NCAA First Round	TBA TBA
November 20	
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'Hounds Volleyball

Coach: Heather Stoecklein (2nd year)

Last Season: 18-8-1

Key Returners: Mallary Herring, Sarah Welch and Kim Wolfer

Coach's Comments: "Our goal is to win conference and then go on and win districts," Stoecklein said.

Season Outlook: Returning starters that received all-conference recognition have already shown leadership and will be the foundation the team is built on.

Stoecklein said Wolfer and Herring are coming out of the middle and Welch is playing well on the outside.

Key Opponents: Cameron, Platte County and Savannah. The only conference teams that handed Maryville losses last season.

Schedule

9-2	Fairfax Tourney	4 p.m.
9-4	Fairfax Tourney	9 a.m.
9-7	Tarkio	7 p.m.
9-9	Platte County	7 p.m.
9-14	Benton	7 p.m.
9-16	Lafayette	7 p.m.
9-21	Chillicothe	7 p.m.
9-23	Cameron	7 p.m.
9-28	Lafayette	7 p.m.
9-30	Savannah	7 p.m.
10-4	Rock Port	7 p.m.
10-7	Benton	7 p.m.
10-9	'Hounds Invite	8 a.m.
10-12	Savannah	7 p.m.
10-14	Chillicothe	7 p.m.
10-18	Fairfax	7 p.m.
10-19	Smithville	7 p.m.
10-25	Districts	TBA
10-30	Sectionals	TBA
11-5	State	TBA

'Hounds**Cross Country**

Coach: Paul Snow (1st year)

Key Returners: Seniors Jennifer Nun and Katie Sudhoff

Key Newcomers: Junior Megan Hayden and freshman Dawson Voderbruegge

Strengths: Nun and Sudhoff bring experience and leadership to a young and small team.

Weaknesses: The girls' team only has three runners, two short than the required amount to be able to participate in the team competition. There is only one boy out for the team.

Season Outlook: The team has a lot to work on as they work with a new coach for the second straight year. Sudhoff could end her career off with a bang if she qualifies for the state competition for the third straight year.

Schedule

9-7	Clarinda	5 p.m.
9-13	Red Oak	5 p.m.
9-21	Benton	4:30 p.m.
9-28	Lafayette	4 p.m.
10-5	Maryville Invite	4:30 p.m.
10-14	Mt. Ayr	5 p.m.
10-19	Conference	4 p.m.
10-26	South Harrison	4:30 p.m.
10-30	Districts	TBA
11-6	State	TBA

'Hounds Tennis

Coach: Lisa Lawrence (3rd year)

Last year's record: 2-8

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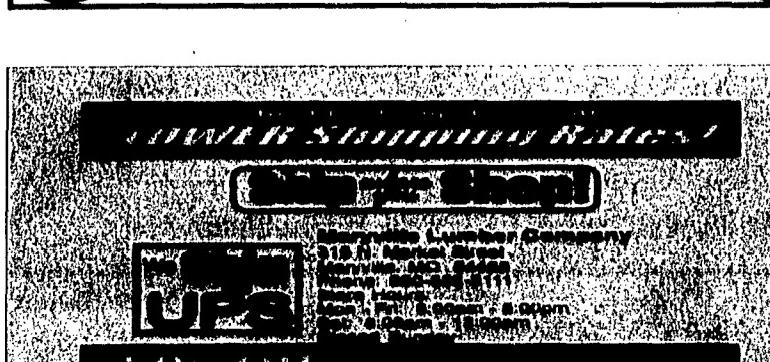
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Sarah Scott pitches for the Spoofhounds last week during their blowout of Northeast Nodaway High School last week. The 'Hounds start play today against MEC foe Lafayette at Maryville High School.

'Hounds Softball

Coach: Kathy Blackney (6th year)

Key returners: Seniors Kristin Degase and Sarah Scott

Key losses: Elizabeth Baker, Hallie Blackney and Hilary Reynolds

Strengths: Hitting and the team will have six seniors on the squad.

Weaknesses: Young pitching

Season Outlook: The Hounds look to overcome the losses of their three star players as they try to win conference once again and get past districts.

The team dropped their first game to Bishop LeBlond on Monday as they did not get any hits against LeBlond. They host MEC foe Lafayette today.

Schedule

Key Returners: Lindsey Frisbie, Karissa Euler, Megan Jobst, Erin Donnelly and Gina Kenny

Strengths: Frisbie and Euler lead the team as the No. 1 and No. 2 players, respectively.

Weaknesses: Lacking leadership

Season Outlook: The team looks to bounce back after an 2-8 season and get some response from their young team.

Coach's Comments: "It's really odd because in previous years I've had senior leadership," Lawrence said. "These girls are a little quieter, but they actually get a lot done and it's the most cohesive team I've had in years."

9-2	Lafayette	5:30 p.m.
9-7	Savannah	5:30 p.m.
9-9	LeBlond	5:30 p.m.
9-13	Benton	5:30 p.m.
9-16	Lafayette	5:30 p.m.
9-21	Savannah	5:30 p.m.
9-23	Cameron	5:30 p.m.
9-27	LeBlond	5:30 p.m.
9-28	Chillicothe	6:30 p.m.
10-1	Benton/	
	Savannah Tourney	9 a.m.
10-5	Benton	5:30 p.m.
10-6	Conference	8:30 a.m.
10-9	Districts	8:30 a.m.
10-16	Sectionals	TBA
10-22	State	TBA

'Hounds Soccer

Coach: Stuart Collins (4th year)

Key Returners: Brian Donnelly, Dustin Henggler, Ky Hill and Nic Zweifel

Key Losses: Keaton Guess, Travis Smith and Wes Wooten

Strengths: Defense and leadership

Weaknesses:
They need to get the ball in the net more. They had a lot of opportunities last year but could not capitalize.

Season Outlook: The team looks to come off a somewhat disappointing season last year. They look to win their first district championship ever. However, in order to do that, they need to figure out how to beat Smithville.

For the past two years, Smithville has been the last opponent Maryville saw. Smithville sent the 'Hounds packing last year in their district semifinals. They year before that all Maryville had to do was beat the Warriors for the first district championship. Maryville was denied.

9-7	Benton	5:30 p.m.
9-8	Excelsior Springs	
	Tourney	4 p.m.
9-14	Smithville	6 p.m.
9-16	Maur Hill	5:30 p.m.
9-20	Cameron	5:30 p.m.
9-24	Platte County	5:30 p.m.
9-28	Smithville	6 p.m.
9-30	LeBlond	5:30 p.m.
10-4	Benton	5:30 p.m.
10-5	Lafayette	5:30 p.m.
10-12	Platte County	6 p.m.
10-14	St. Pius X	6 p.m.
10-18	LeBlond	6 p.m.
10-21	Lafayette	5:30 p.m.
10-26	Cameron	5:30 p.m.
10-28	Districts	TBA
11-6	Sectionals	TBA
11-9	Quarterfinals	TBA
11-12	State	TBA

'Hounds Golf Schedule**Linebackers look to turn heads at Mizzou**By MICHAEL PETRE
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scheme. I've got to play a tougher, a lot harder."

Richard's role changed completely. A St. Louis native that began his collegiate career at tailback at Michigan State in 2001, Richard returned to his home sitting out last season due to NO transfer rules.

Richard made the switch to defense this spring, though he played the position in high school.

"I feel very good at (linebacker)," he said. "I had time in spring to learn the plays and improve daily in two-a-day. now I feel like I'm ready to go."

Kinney has helped both players adjust to the linebacker position. An All-American candidate and Butkus Award hopeful, Kinney helped make the transition smoother for Harrington and Chard.

"He's a person or the field knows everyone's responsibility," Richard said. "He's a leader on the field and a person you know go to war with."

The group also has the benefit of playing behind an experienced defensive line. Pikel, usually vague when evaluating his players, raves about senior Aiyah Eller and junior C.J. Mosey, the top defensive tackles.

Sophomore Briar Smith, who led the Tigers with eight sacks last season, will not even start to be the season, as the development fellow sophomore Xavie Jackson has forced Smith to the sideline.

"It's amazing how much better a linebacker can play when you got big guys up front to close holes and gaps," Pikel said. "I expect (the linebackers) to do well. Do I expect them to get better as the season goes on? Yes, I think that is critically important."

'Hounds battle back to beat Cardinals

Months of hard practice and dedication proved to be valuable for the Maryville Spoofhound volleyball team as they beat Clarinda Tuesday night in three games.

"It was a good start," head coach Heather Stoecklein said. "Clarinda is a tough team and it's good to win a tough match-up like that."

The 'Hounds put up a good fight in the first game, but lost 25-21 before rebounding in the second

'HOUNDS GOLF SCHEDULE

9-2	Lafayette	4 p.m.
9-7	Savannah	4 p.m.
9-9	Central	4 p.m.
9-13	Benton	4 p.m.
9-15	Central Tourney	TBA
9-16	Lafayette	4 p.m.
9-21	Savannah	4 p.m.
9-23	Tarkio	4 p.m.

9-28 Maryville/

Chillicothe/Cameron 4 p.m.

9-29 Platte County 4 p.m.

Invite 4 p.m.

9-30 Smithville/Platte County 4 p.m.

10-5 Benton 4 p.m.

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head coach Paul Miller addresses the Spoofhound offense during Monday's practice. Miller took over the head coach position from coach John Pelzer. The 'Hounds open up their regular season against Cameron Friday night on the road. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

It's Miller time at MHS

coach plans to take
filled team to playoffs

JEROME BOETTCHER
STANT SPORTS EDITOR

Paul Miller knew of the problem Maryville High School had funding their firing of football coach John Pelzer. However, he never went into a situation feeling like he had better than Pelzer.

"I've never tried to come in and compare myself to Coach Pelzer," Miller said. "I know that some of these kids are really big fans of Pelzer, so we really talk about that much, we only don't try to compare."

Players, students and parents loved Pelzer. He had done well in the three years he had. With a 20-10 record he showed he was successful.

But for reasons still unknown, he was let go. So the search began for a new football coach, one that could come in and continue that winning tradition of Maryville. Someone that could bring big shoes that Pelzer left. "I don't think anyone has been stubborn to what (he) has brought, I think everyone has had an open mind," captain Evan Wilmes said.

"One of his qualities better than Coach Pelzer. He's not as ornery. He'll listen to us and do things."

Miller not only had taken high school football teams to the state finals three times, but was an Olympic finalist in the shot put—experience that didn't go unnoticed. As he also prepared to take his place as track coach.

"He brought a new offense, he brought many different changes, they're just little changes, I think they're good for the team," defensive end Keith Starr said.

Miller will begin the new era of

defensive coordinator at Eureka.

After leaving, he started his head coaching career at a high school in Illinois for four years. He then had the urge to settle out west, and so he went to Wyoming and coached for six years at Wheatland High School.

However, the gap between he and his daughters grew, and Miller wanted to move closer to his daughters, who lived in Princeton with their mother.

"It was hard, it was really hard," Miller said.

So Miller made the trip to Maryville. Unlike with past teams, Miller has not had to start from ground zero and build the team back up.

"This has been one of those interesting challenges," Miller said. "I inherit a program that has kids that have a tremendous amount of talent. I've never coached a team that has this much talent on the playing field."

Miller has come into a program that has welcomed him with open arms.

"I think he's done a great job with the situation," Wilmes said. "He smoothed everything out and everybody's rolling along with him."

The team realizes what he has brought to Maryville and has adjusted to it.

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Hounds football on this Friday against host Cameron. Miller has big hopes for Maryville High School. He has taken two different teams to the state semifinals

three times over the last nine years but never has he reached the state championship. He thinks Maryville is the place where he could accomplish that goal, amongst other things.

"In the last 20 years I have never stayed anywhere longer than five years," Miller said. "It's not that I haven't enjoyed the places I've been, but it's just that I'm looking for that opportunity to really build something over a course of time and I believe Maryville has that opportunity."

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"I've never coached a team with this much talent."

PAUL MILLER
MARYVILLE HEAD COACH



Pitcher back with Cardinals trying to resurrect his career

By R.B. FALLSTROM
AP SPORTS WRITER

ST. LOUIS - Next spring, the St. Louis Cardinals expect Rick Ankiel to compete for a spot in the rotation. Next month, he could show up on the postseason roster.

For now, just being in the major leagues is enough for the left-hander whose once-promising career was derailed for more than three years by an avalanche of wild pitches and reconstructive elbow surgery. September serves as bonus time for the former bonus baby, and for the team with the best record in baseball.

"Coming up here it would be good to get back in a rhythm, get back in the game," Ankiel said Wednesday after being activated from the 15-day disabled list. "I think looking back on it I'll be more proud of myself when I look back 10 years from now and say 'Wow,' you know."

There's already a definite "wow" feeling around the Cardinals, as witnessed by manager Tony La Russa's extremely rare presence in the bullpen for Ankiel's throwing session, about 3 1/2 hours before St. Louis played the Padres.

"It was an impressive throw, by the way," La Russa said.

Ankiel, 25, is eligible for the playoffs even though 25-man rosters were frozen on Tuesday because he was on disabled list. When he takes the mound, it'll be his first action in the majors since May 2001.

A lot has passed since the former second-round draft pick arrived with the Cardinals in 2000 as a 19-year-old phenom with 11 victories and 194 strikeouts in 175 innings to help St. Louis win the NL Central.

"The fact is, we don't win without him," La Russa said.

From the 2000 playoffs, when he uncorked nine wild pitches and walked 11 in four innings, it's been almost all bad news. He was 1-2 with a 7.13 ERA and 25 walks in 24 innings when he was demoted in May 2001, and he missed the entire 2002 season with a sprained elbow.

In July 2003, he was 2-6 with a 6.29 ERA at Double-A Tennessee when he required reconstructive elbow surgery.

Some of Ankiel's teammates are on the lookout for media who won't let it all die.

"I think, speaking for myself, if that happens it's going to be ugly in here," center fielder Jim Edmonds said. "I don't think our guys are going to stand for it, and hopefully he won't have to go through it."

Ankiel said, simply: "You know what, let's talk about now."

Last month, the comeback began. In seven starts at three levels he showed he was ready for another shot, going 2-1 with an 0.79 ERA with no wild pitches and only two walks in 22 2-3 innings.

"It's been good and I think the



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Rick Ankiel returned to Cardinal Stadium on Wednesday. He has not seen major league action since May 2001. The pitcher began his comeback last month.

main thing is to make sure I can go out there and throw pain-free," Ankiel said. "It's been going that way and I just want to continue."

The Cardinals will treat Ankiel just as they used Matt Morris in 2000 following his reconstructive elbow surgery, pitching him every few days. Just like Morris then, whatever happens now with Ankiel, 2005 is more important.

"Remember that Matt's future was as a starter so we didn't want to do anything during that period of relieving that would take away from him getting into the winter with a full program and being able to come to spring training ready to go," La Russa said. "So that means we're going to watch him closely here and use him hopefully with good sense."

"It's for now and for later."

After his ordeal, the present is plenty for Ankiel. He can't daydream about completing his climb with a successful postseason that could help erase his 2000 misadventures.

"I'm not really going to look that far down the road, I'm just going to try to look at now," Ankiel said. "I can't control the past and I can't control the future, so I'll just try to worry about today."

It helps that he's not really needed. The Cardinals had a 15 1/2-game lead and a magic num-

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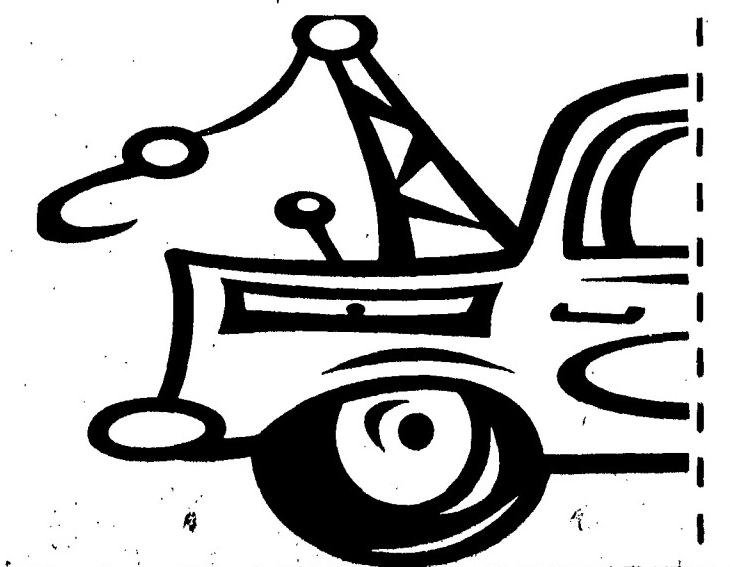
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Your Man optimistic for new year

It's been three very short months, but at last, Your Man is back. Summer has come and gone and has left us all wondering where the time went. We're all moved in, Advantage Week has passed and now the assignments are being handed out. Is it all downhill from here?

Nah! Don't let your classes fool you, it's going to be a fun trimester. People are excited to be back and there's an energy flowing around campus that no one seemed to have when they left just three months ago.

Clubs and organizations are starting up and everyone has new plans for what's to come. Field trips, road trips, study dates and more gives us reason to be excited. We're back and we're going to have a good time.

Freshmen have fall recruitment, better known as Rush, to look forward to. Two weeks of gorging yourself on free food and drinks. Overall, Northwest has a good Greek system and should be something for every freshman to look forward to. It is an opportunity that you can't afford to at least check out.



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They finally finished the new dorms and word on the street is that they are pretty nice. I know all the construction around campus can be a pain, but its going to make our campus an even better place to be when it's finished. Maybe campus can invest some money and get us all jet packs to get to school, since there's no place to park.

Homecoming is early this year, which puts Walkout Day on Oct. 1. Variety shows, homecoming parade and of course the game against Emporia State should give us all a reason

to look forward to Homecoming weekend.

Speaking of football, what was up with the first week whacking of Minnesota State-Moorhead?

Games like that should make the NCAA add a mercy rule. Scoring 77 points in one game should definitely give Morris and the boys confidence heading in against a tough West Chester team.

With our football team kicking ass, they look like they just might be in contention all year. If they do well enough, you could be taking a road trip to Alabama. So if you see Lamberson or the Rector brothers, be gentle, don't smack them with a door or anything. They could be your ticket to the big game!

Yes, there are many reasons to be excited for this fall. It will definitely be interesting. No matter what happens throughout the year, Your Man will be here to tell it to you straight.

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Upcoming Concerts

Kansas City

Sept. 3 - Steve Miller Band
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Sept. 6 - The Queers
El Torreón

Sept. 19 - Usher
Kemper Arena

Sept. 19 - Capitol Steps
Hoyt Sherman Theatre

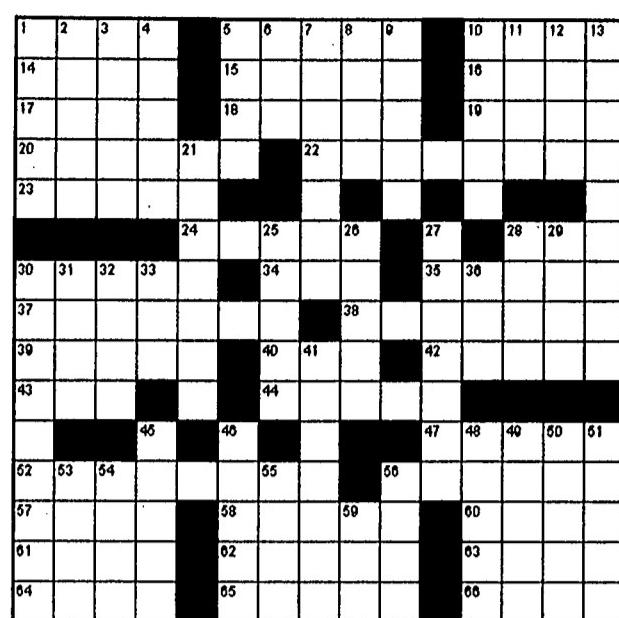
Des Moines

Sept. 22 - Further Seems Forever
Sokol Underground

Omaha

Sept. 22 - Brad Paisley
Mercury Roundup

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- Basic
- Verge
- Melody
- Extreme
- Heath
- Female given name
- Narrow openings
- Spanish duke
- Close at hand
- Inflammation
- Republic in E Africa
- Russian leaders
- Fem. pronoun
- Turn upside down
- Under-standing
- Hire cars
- Gardening tool
- Trade
- Pretended
- Egg cell
- Seaport in
- High points
- Long-continued practice
- Make odorous
- Republic on the E coast of Africa
- Russian leaders
- Stench
- Rub through a strainer
- Cause to lose one's nerve
- A special loved one
- Actively
- the Crimea
- Fall short
- Flat table-land with steep edges
- Negatively charged ion
- Enclosure
- British WW2 machine gun
- Storage center
- Decays
- Capital of Jordan
- Wood nymph
- Postpone
- Bird droppings
- Decree
- Tumbles
- Above
- Think stick
- Breathe hard
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on the edge
Facts about alcohol:
■ The classic tale of "Little Red Riding Hood" was banned in the town of Empire, Calif., in 1990. The book cover showed a bottle of wine in Little Red Riding Hood's basket. The local school board was afraid that the story encouraged the drinking of alcohol.

■ The strongest any liquor can be is 190 proof. This means the beverage is at least 95 percent alcohol.

■ According to the National Safety Council coffee is not successful at sobering up a drunk person. In many cases it may actually increase the adverse effects of alcohol.

■ About 25 percent of alcoholics are women.

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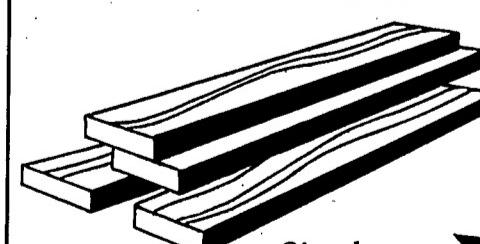
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